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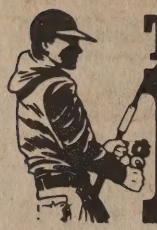

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Once again the event will feature three large cash prizes for the three largest sharks. This year will also mark our expanded awards program which will recognize many other meritorious catches by awarding valuable merchandise, including offshore fishing tackle and marine electronics donated to the tournament by various manufacturers and dealers (acknowledgements will follow the tournament).

For details and entry forms, please write the Montauk Captains Association at P.O. Box 137, Montauk, N.Y. 11954. Those interested in booking a charter on a member boat, please call the MCA's President, Capt. Joe McBride at 516-588-1227 after 7PM.

LAST BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP COURSE BEFORE 1983 SEASON STARTS

The last course in Boating Safety and Seamanship before the '83 boating season starts will begin April 20, 1983, at Sheepshead Bay High School in Brooklyn and will run for ten weeks.

The course will be given by U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 11-2. Subjects to be covered will include: rules of the road, safety, marine engines, aids to navigation, use of charts and piloting.

Experienced Auxiliary instructors will present this course using Coast Guard approved text and related instructional materials. The lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate levels and family participation is encouraged.

The course is offered free, with a nomial fee for text and materials. Upon successful completion, registrants will receive a certificate fromk the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

For information and registration, contact: U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 11-2, Public Education Officer Mr. Mitchell Pitkoff, (212) 968-1751, between 4PM and 8PM.

BAYVIEW MARINE & TACKLE OF SAG HARBOR NAMED OFFICIAL SPORTS AFIELD WEIGH STATION

SPORTS AFIELD, one of the nation's leading outdoor magazines, has announced the appointment of Bayview Marine & Tackle as an Official State Fishing Awards Station.

The New York State Fishing Awards Program is not a fishing contest to see who can catch the biggest fish. Rather, it is a program to commemorate memorable moments in fishing by citing meritorious catches in two ways: (1) The immediate awarding of a parchment certificate and a silver SPORTS AFIELD Sportfish Pin to the "Best in State" of each species, annually.

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this state's waters. There is no charge for entering.

Recipients of the top awards will be listed each year in Sports Afield magazine. The information supplied by each angler's entry will be maintained in the Sports Afield computer data bank. This data will be supplied to the nation's anglers through how-to and where-to articles published periodically in the magazine.

NORTH SHORE ANGLERS ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND FISHING CONTEST AWARDS

North Shore Anglers are looking for new members. We meet at Deno's Restaurant, Port Jeff, on the second Thursday every month at 8PM. For information, call 473-7607.

Long Island Division: 1st place striped bass, 59.4 and blue, 21.8, Glenn Dennis.

Local Division: weakfish, 15.2, Joe Hetterich; blue, 16.8, Richard Brunquell; blackfish, 8.9, Stephan Buthman; fluke, 6.9, Glenn Kani; blue—surf, 12.10, Stephan Buthman; weakfish—surf, 7.14, Stephan Buthman; flounder, 3.9, Richard Brunquell; cod, 40 lbs., Nick Marchesani.

Children Division: weakfish, 8.8, Glenn Bove.

TRAVELING ANGLERS TAKE NOTE!

WALKER'S CAY, BAHAMAS—The 1st Annual Walker's Cay Light Tackle Fishing Tournament will be held here May 12-14, 1983 as announced by David O'Shaughnessy, general manager of the Island. The range of test line is from 8 to 30 pound test.

Awards will be given for the three top anglers in the billfish point per pound competition, as well as for the first billfish boated, the biggest blue marlin, white marlin and sailfish, and for the high point anglers each day of the tourney. In addition, there will be awards for the high woman angler and team awards. There will be non-billfish trophies for the heaviest dolphin, wahoo, allison tuna, giant bluefin, barracuda, tuna and mako shark caught during the tourney. There will also be $1,200 in cash awards for the crews; a daily award of $100; and overall prizes for fishermen, 1st place-$500; 2nd place-$250, and 3rd place-$150. There will also be a team competition with awards to each member of the winning team with boats with two or more anglers registered as contestants. Scoring for this competition will be based on billfish points, with team scores being the accumulated point scores of individual team members. The entry fee is $350 per angler with a limit of four anglers per boat.

The pre-tournament meeting will be held on the hotel terrace at 5:30PM on Wednesday, May 11th. A complimentary cocktail party will follow with a buffet dinner in the main dining room.

On May 13, the second day of fishing, there will be a special tournament barbecue dinner at the marina at 7PM. The awards presentation and complimentary cocktail party will be held Saturday, May 14, followed by a buffet dinner.

Registration forms and a brochure spelling out details may be obtained by writing to: 1st Annual Light Tackle Tournament, Walker's Cay Hotel & Marina, 700 S.W. 34th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315; or by telephoning (305) 522-1469 or the Florida toll free number (800) 432-2092, or USA toll free (800) 327-3714.

Several world records on light tackle have been set at Walker's Cay in recent years, with another pending—a 76¾ lb. white marlin caught on 16 lb. test line by Kandy Black of Hollywood, Florida, on February 6, 1983. It has been submitted to the IGFA for verification.

ATTENTION VIETNAM VETERANS FREE MONTAUK CHARTER FISHING TRIP

Until recently, few Vietnam veterans had ever received full acceptance or recognition from their fellow citizens. The feeling of being forgotten is a common trait among these people who served their country at a time when it was unpopular to serve. Coming home was not filled with banners, speeches, and parades as their fathers had received. Coming home was, in most cases, a very lonely experience and, in some cases, a frightening one.

Fortunately, recent events have aided this veteran in obtaining some well deserved recognition and gratitude. Nationally, the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. has become a reality. Locally, the New York Arrows, a professional indoor soccer team, hosted a special "Vietnam Veterans Night" at the Nassau Coliseum in February.

Captain Jerry McGrath, owner and operator of the Montauk based charter boat, Nostalgia II, intends to continue this trend in recognizing the Vietnam veteran. He is providing one free inshore charter fishing trip on the Nostalgia II for a group composed of four Vietnam veterans. These four people will be selected via a drawing to be held at a future Vietnam Veterans of America Nassau/Suffolk chapter meeting. (You need not be a VVA member to be eligible.) Any Vietnam veteran who is interested in becoming eligible for this free drawing should send his name, address, telephone number, dates of Vietnam service, Unit, and a copy of his 214 (discharge paper) or a copy of another document clearly stating his service in Vietnam to:

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The Weatheralert product line was first introduced during the early 1970s and since that time, the name has become one of the best known in the industry for performance, features and quality. The Weatheralert product line is sold by Electrolert, Inc., a well known company throughout the consumer electronics industry for the Fuzzbuster® radar detector line.

For further information, contact Robert McDougall, Media Director, Electrolert, Inc., 4949 S. 25-A, Tipp City, Ohio 45371.

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Four new low-profile-style baitcasting reels, the Ambassadeur 1000, 2000, 1000C and 2000C, are introduced by ABU-Garcia. The new 1000 and 2000 series are the lowest priced models in the Ambassadeur line, yet they carry the traditional Ambassadeur 10-year warranty.

Designed and manufactured in Sweden, the new Ambassadeur reels are built to fit the angler's hand for efficient palming. They feature a unique "safeguard" palming Thumb Rest that provides a platform for the left thumb. It allows increased leverage and ensures that the thumb will not interfere with the disengaging level wind.

The classic red 1000 and 2000 models offer sintered brass bushings. The black 1000C and 2000C feature stainless steel ball bearings for years of quiet, trouble-free performance.

Standard on all four of the new Ambassadeurs are a pushbutton free-spool control that disengages the level wind for longer, more accurate casts, a mechanical/centrifugal dual braking system to virtually eliminate backlash, and a featherweight one-piece spool.

The 1000 is the lightest in the Ambassadeur line, weighing 8.7 ounces. The 1000C weighs 8.9 ounces. Both of these narrow-spool reels handle 120 yards of 14 pound monofilament line. The 2000 weighs 9.3 ounces, and the ball-bearing 2000C, 9.5 ounces. The standard spool 2000 series Ambassadeurs will take 190 yards of 14 pound line.

All four 1000 and 2000 series Ambassadeurs have fast 4.7-to-1 gear ratios.

For more information on Garcia's new Ambassadeur 1000, 1000C, 2000 and 2000C, write: ABU-Garcia, 21 Law Drive, Fairfield, N.J. 07006.

MIRAGE SUNGLASSES: IDEAL FOR HUNTING AND FISHING ENTHUSIASTS

A new line of optical quality sunglasses that are ideally designed for hunting and fishing enthusiasts are being introduced to sportspeople in cooperation with the Fishing & Hunting Exhibition at Rockland Community College: Bausch & Lomb's Mirage collection.

Outdoor recreation experts and enthusiasts are well aware of the strain one's eyes experience in sunlight. The sun's ultraviolet rays force pupils to contract, eyelids to squint and the surrounding eye muscles to contract. Frequently, these automatic natural defenses are not enough to prevent eye strain and resulting discomfort and fatigue.

Bausch & Lomb has created a collection of fashion sunglasses that provide needed protection against the sun to make hunting and fishing more comfortable. The Mirage sunglass lenses are deep-toned to shield the eyes from the sun's harsh rays, meeting all American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards for sunglass protection. The blue/grey, brown and brown amber gradient colors of the Mirage CR39 plastic lenses allow a minimum of light to be transmitted to one's eyes. Each opthalmic quality lens is hand ground and polished to provide accurate, distortion-free vision, a must while hunting and a pleasure while fishing. These precision-formed lenses are also impact resistant in accordance with U.S. Federal Regulations.

For day-long comfort, the Mirage frames are made of durable, black chrome with adjustable nose pads and temples. This fashionable sunglass collection features two styles: Traditional and Contemporary. The Traditional Mirage style is a teardrop shape and is available in small, medium and large. The Contemporary Mirage is a squared goggle s hape. Both styles are appealing to both men and women and come with individual carrying cases.

Since the introduction of the new Mirage collection, Bausch & Lomb has discovered that these moderately-priced sunglasses (suggested retail price: $25) are favored for fashionable and comfortable eye protection while participating and watching outdoor

sports and activities. Mirage sunglasses are also perfect for driving since the optical quality lenses block harmful glare and keep a person's eyes rested for hours.

These Mirage sunglasses are available in sporting goods, department, drug stores and optical outlets across the country.

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UNCLE JOSH RELEASES NEW PORK RIND FISHING FACT BOOK

A new 12-page fact book describing successful pork rind fishing techniques was recently published and is available immediately from the Uncle Josh Bait Company.

This new guide is packed with information vital to any fisherman, from the novice to the old hand. Included are details on effective pork rind fishing techniques along with instructions on how to properly store, handle and use the bait. Plus Professional Bass Angler, Dick Collier, shares some of his tournament winning pork rind fishing techniques.

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FIRST SPORT FISHING FORUM A SUCCESS

by Al Ristori

For the first time ever, the recreational fishing community joined together en masse to improve our sport.

The recently held Sportfishing Forum was the most deliberately underpublicized event ever held for the sport fishing community on Long Island. The reason for the lack of publicity was the fact that the facility selected could handle only 400 people, which necessitated keeping it "quiet." The theme of this cooperative effort of New York Sea Grant, New York Sportfishing Federation and the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association was "Working Together to Improve Recreational Fishing," and that's just what was attempted by a mixture of sessions intended to improve fishing skills and others which tackled serious subjects relating to fisheries and pollution.

In order to spread the word, the planning committee decided to invite both the party and charter boat captains making up the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association and five leaders from each of the clubs making up the New York Sportfishing Federation. Cooperation in putting the forum together was soon forthcoming from the National Marine Fisheries Service and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as well as the Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen and various individual clubs and port associations too numerous to mention here. In addition, many tackle and electronics companies put up exhibits which helped to pay the expenses incurred in putting the forum on at SUNY, Farmingdale on February 26th.

The morning sessions were divided, with the captains getting information pertaining to their operations in one classroom, while the auditorium was used for sessions on sport fishing techniques and opportunities. The captains heard from a variety of speakers, including charter boat skippers from other areas (Ben Tribken from Cape Cod and Monty Webb from Virginia) and such outdoor writers as Fred Golofaro, Ken Moran, and Dan and Ginny McKain. On the recreational side the sport fishing leaders heard about chromoscopes from Roy Thompson of Furuno, computer graph recorders from Darrell Lowrance (who flew in from

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Rep. Norman Lent discusses boat user fee issue with Capt. Bob Patafio (Captree) and Al Ristori at Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association rally against the fees at Freeport last May. Communicating with our legislators on issues such as this is an important step forward for the recreational fishing industry.

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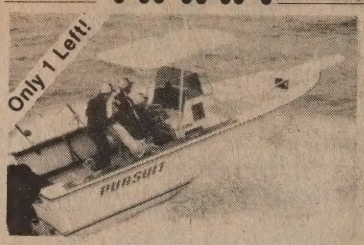

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Oklahoma), umbrella rig techniques from Steve Sekora, and high speed lures from Frank Johnson of Mold Craft. Frank also had an exhibit and was mobbed by anglers trying to learn more about the Softhead lures and Frank's method of snelling 300 pound test mono that he never got anything to eat or drink all day. The next session concentrated on sport fishing access and facilities and included such speakers as Nick Karas, Dick Stone (NMFS) and Chet Zawacki (DEC) on artificial reefs.

As much as the morning sessions provided, the real "meat" of the program was in the afternoon. State Senator Owen Johnson, a dedicated proponent of angling causes, produced figures showing that sport fishing is worth three to four times what commercial fishing is in New York—though you can't tell that by the way the sport fishing industry is treated. By way of illustration, Senator Johnson held up a blank piece of paper to indicate what the legislature did for sport fishing last year. Furthermore, he noted that there seems to be a perception that sport fishermen really aren't very important—just a bunch of people casually dunking worms off a pier and not caring very much about their sport. Unfortunately, it often seems that way because they don't take the time to write letters or show up at hearings!

Senator Johnson also expressed support for the striped bass conservation proposals, but his big guns were trained on the governor's saltwater license fee request. Johnson indicated surprise that sportsmen weren't up in arms over that issue. As he sees it, the license fee is nothing more than another tax. Indeed, this one was drawn up by the governor's budget people—not by the DEC. There's been a significant ongoing controversy among New York marine anglers over the years as to whether to accept a license, and that issue has been fully explored in these pages. However, Cuomo's license proposal appears to be nothing more than a revenue rasing project which won't do the angler a bit of good. Nevertheless, Senator Johnson warned that he can't hold off the governor's forces all by himself. If anglers don't rise up and protest this tax they'll surely get it shoved down their throats! Ironically, one of the morning speakers was Tommy Brown of Cornell University who outlined the many and varied means by which sport fishing facilities can be funded.

Representing the federal aspect of fisheries legislation was another great friend of the angler, Representative Norman Lent. Norm was the congressman I went to in 1972 as chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources in order to get a 200 mile limit bill introduced. Norm introduced that original bill and became a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, where he could fight most effectively for fishing and boating issues. Within four years our objective was achieved, but Norm has continued to fight for us on that all-important committee.

Among the issues likely to crop up in the present Congress are Coast Guard user fees. Boaters rallied last year to fight those fees and they never got a congressional sponsor. Lent noted that the flat fees are thoroughly discredited as nothing more than a tax, but that direct fees for services only (on a per-transaction basis) will probably be proposed. The Biaggi Act funding will increase sharply when the gas tax increase goes into effect. There will be $5 million for state recreational boating safety programs in 1983, and $15 million for boating safety in 1984. However, Lent indicates there may be a fight because nothing is earmarked for facilities improvement in 1984. Lent also went over the dumping problem in New York Bight and the various ramifications of the various sites.

In quickly going over other Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee issues of importance, Lent spoke favorably of the prospects for saving Sea Grant (now is the time for you to write to your congressman about continuing this valuable program which costs only a tiny fraction of that which is provided to agriculture), and mentioned that legislation has been introduced to eliminate the Coast Guard's responsibilities regarding the use of marine sanitation devices on small vessels. Improvements have been made in the 200 mile limit act which clarify the role of the fishery management councils, streamline the management process and make Commerce Department guidelines advisory only. Norm got his biggest hand when he noted his co-sponsorship of legislation to bring tunas under the 200 mile limit—and our authority. He also indicated that the striped bass studies will continue under the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, and urged everyone interested in all of these subjects to make their views known to him.

"The Politics of Fish Management" started out with an address by NMFS Northeast director Allen Peterson. Unfortunately, I only heard the last few sentences of his talk since I was involved in discussions with Congressman Lent. However, Al did stir up a bit of a hornet's nest with a call for anglers to pay their fair share of management costs—presumably through a license. His point was that commercial fishermen are bearing these costs now, but he didn't realize (as one angler later pointed out to him) that commercial fishermen get a free ride in New York—and even get tax exemptions not available to the angler! The other panel members (John Mason of DEC and Stu Wilk, Dave Crestin and Peter Colosi of NMFS) delved into all of the aspects of who's involved in the various phases of fish management—a system that varies with each species.

The very important panel on fish contamination in New York Bight came on at the end of the day when many had already left. That was unfortunate, as their message was one that we should all be aware of. In speaking of the sewerage sludge dumping problem, Larry Swanson (NOAA Office of Marine Pollution Assessment) emphasized that only one to 15 percent of our pollution problem relates to sludge. Moving the dump site offshore will improve the biology of inshore waters, but the 60 mile site will suffer—though not as badly as the shallower waters do. The 106-mile site will involve minimal contamination, though it will represent a great increase in formerly pristine waters—and we don't know how far it will spread.

Gordon Colvin, director of the DEC Marine District, is an expert in this area, particularly when it comes to alternate means of disposal. He pointed out that sludge is generally good for composting, and that Milwaukee is making money by selling it for agricultural uses. However, our Metropolitan sludges are contaminated by heavy metals, and the Health Department won't allow their use for agricultural purposes. Colvin also went into the PCB problem and confirmed the bad news about Hudson River stripers and eels. On the other hand, though they have found bluefish with some PCBs in them, the NYS DEC doesn't consider bluefish in New York Bight to be a problem for consumption. This contrasts with the New Jersey position on bluefish; so Gordon indicated that they will be comparing figures shortly. As if we don't have enough to worry about with PCBs, dioxins could be a more serious problem in the Hudson—now that we have the technology to measure in parts per trillion. The forum wound up with a presentation by Jack Pearce of NMFS on the effects of fish contamination, a subject about which there is mostly speculation at present—at least in relation to human beings. However, Jack did note studies which show PCBs harming reproduction in Baltic Sea seals, and he pointed out that traces of PCBs have been found even in surf clams (skimmers) and ocean quahogs from near the canyons!

This very brief summary of all that went on at the Sportfishing Forum barely scratches the surface. I was so busy organizing and moderating that I was only able to attend about half of the sessions myself. Indeed, if it wasn't for the delicious dogfish salad crackers and fried squid strips being prepared by the NMFS exhibit on under-utilized species, I'd have gone hungry that day. Everyone attending seemed to enjoy this initial effort and we learned a lot about what to do and what not to do next year. Hopefully, the leaders who attended will spread the message this year and, perhaps, next year we'll have a bigger and better forum more generally available to the angling public.

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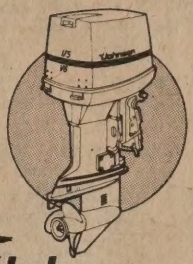

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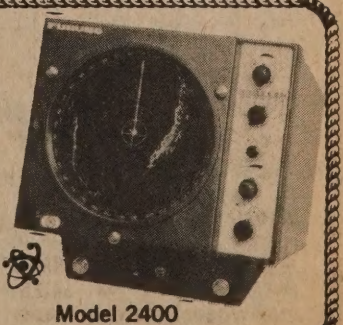

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

FLOUNDERS ARE ON THEIR SPRING RUN AT THIS TIME, HAVING STIRRED FROM THE MUD IN MID-FEBRUARY. THEY WILL BE AROUND FOR SALTWATER ANGLERS THROUGH MAY AND INTO JUNE, THEN SPEND THE SUMMER OFFSHORE.

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PROSPECTING FOR FLOUNDER:
SMITHTOWN BAY

by Mickey Chiarenza

This popular piece of Long Island Sound real estate has the potential for some good flounder action if you know what to look for.

The deep canyons of the Sound, channeling cold ocean currents, and the geographical location of Smithtown Bay, make it one of the last places to find migrant spring flounder. A few bright, sunny days, combined with mild temperatures will begin warming the shallower water of harbors and depending on how close this warming trend falls to late March, all it takes is to be in the right place, chum heavy and the flatties will be ripe for picking.

Although these harbor fish average three-quarter pounds, a small percentage of them will go a good pound or more. This may not sound like quality size filleting fish, but they are. Rather than the oval or long, paper thin fish common of early spring flounder, these fish are, in fact, short, fat and thick fish almost round in appearance. This is due, and proof of the fact, that these fish feed in the rich mud of the harbors, almost year-round.

I look foward to the first flounder trip since the freezer has long been bare of fresh fish. The thought of a meal of fresh flounder fillets is enough is to get me off my butt and start looking for the hooks and sinkers!

These small early spring fish are best taken on small baits. If the bait is too big, they will nibble forever without getting hooked! In the hook department, the Chestertown style is the traditional flounder hook and is formed in such a way that so it slips inside the mouth of a small fish. Some people will use a #10 hook for the smaller fish, but I prefer a #8 as small fish can swallow the smaller size hook down to their gut, which leads to problems when releasing unwanted postage stamps. It is possible to take from two to three juveniles for every keeping size fish. So, remember, these are your future fish and should

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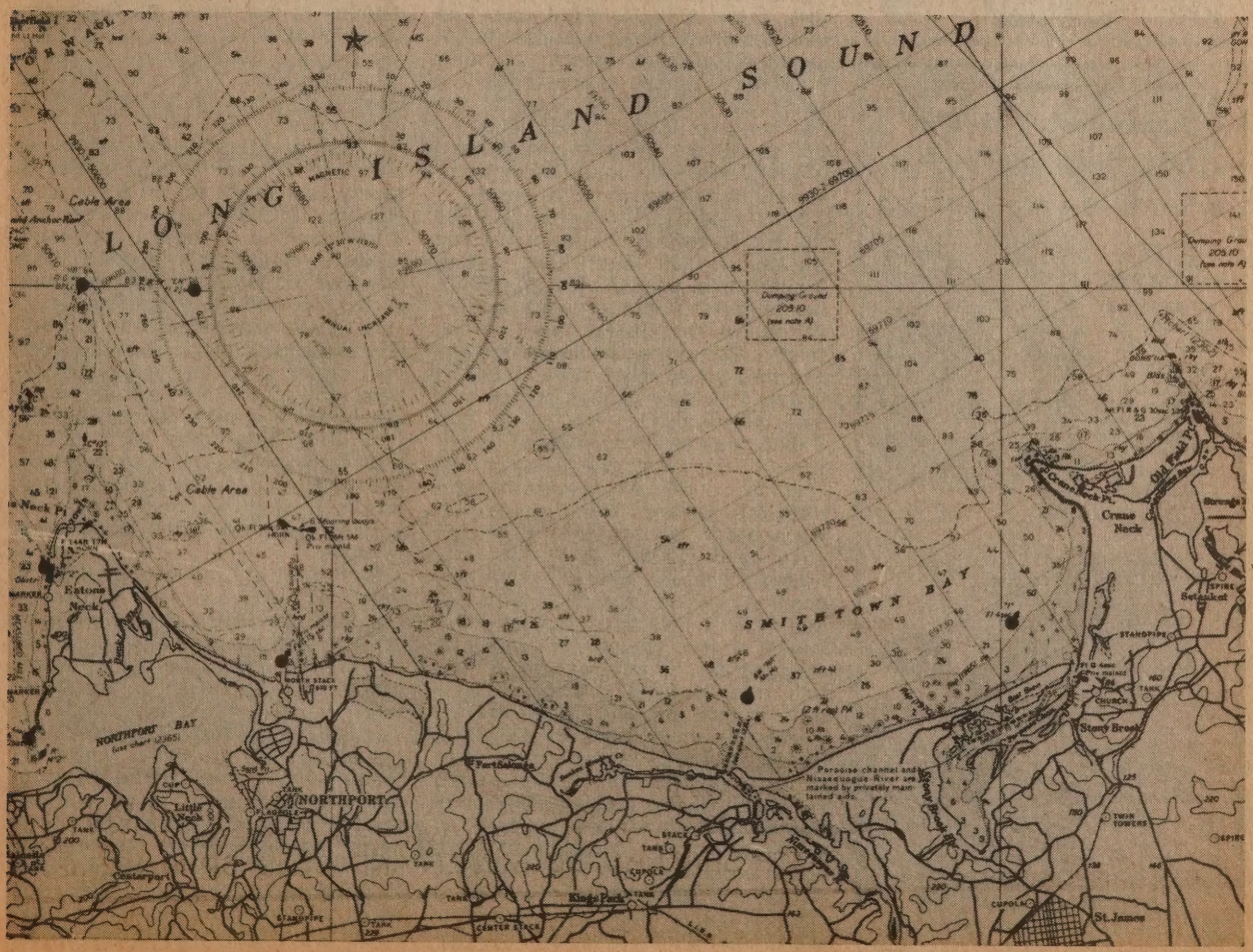

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be protected. A one ounce sinker is a good weight to start off with, but make sure you have a supply of heavier weights to ensure that your rig holds bottom. Staying right on the bottom is one of the most important factors toward a good catch of flounder. Remember that these fish have no defense against larger predator fish. All they can do is hide, so they rise very little off the bottom, staying near safety and near their source of food. I prefer sinkers of a flat shape rather than a style prone to rolling. A sinker that rolls will foul your hooks as it tumbles along the bottom. A flat sinker will slide, leaving your hooks lying out straight as they drag along behind.

A very important addition to any flounder rig is an attractor. Way back when, someone found out that more flounder could be caught by having a brightly painted object somewhere on the rig. The most common of these gimmicks was to paint the sinker red. Through the course of evolution, red beads next appeared on hooks and then, with the advent of corn as chum, it was discovered that perhaps yellow was a better color. The red bead was replaced with a yellow corn bead. Actually it does not have to resemble corn or even a bead. What is important is that it should be yellow and should be near your baited hook.

Rigging should be kept simple. Tying a sinker to the very end of your line, make a figure eight loop just over the sinker, staying as close to the sinker as possible. Attach your first hook here and the second hook just below the center of the snell of the first hook, securing it with a hitch or a half square knot. Rigs should be kept uncomplicated by unnecessary hardware that only accumulates weed.

Rods should be light, especially the tip, and somewhere between five and six and a half feet. Line testing around 12 lb. does the job, but 20 lb. test is better suited to deeper watery fishing in the Sound later in the season. Remember the lighter the line and rod, the more sensitive it will be to feel the light nibbles common to early season fish.

Once your tackle is prepared, give a thought to nice warm clothing. Thermal underwear, warm shirts, sweaters, jackets, hats, gloves and waterproof boots should all be included in your wardrobe.

Early season fishing sometimes poses a problem of where to obtain bait. Check with your bait supplier before a trip and if they are not stocking bait as early as you wish to fish, consider getting some on your own. Worm digging is almost an impossible effort in this area as worm grounds are overworked and the yield is nearly zip! However, there is a big supply of steamer clams on the sandy beaches and ribbed bank mussels on the marsh banks, usually in the very same areas that we seek the early flounder. These baits have worked in the past and at times provided better action than worms. They also provide a source of chum.

Chumming is a key factor in the process of catching flounder. Few people realize it, but chum is not limited to boat use alone. I have chummed successfully from beaches, jetties, piers and bridges. The key factor for successful chumming is tidal flow or lack of it. Effective chumming can only be achieved with gentle, or no tidal flow at all. In other words, chumming is most effective when deposited in the general area you can reach with your rig.

The proper time to hunt for your bait and chum is from two hours before until two hours after low water. Gather enough shellfish so that you can chum generously. Mussels will act as your chum, but reserve some for bait. Shuck all the steamers as these shellfish make excellent bait for all bottom species in this area. A little Kosher salt sprinkled over a container of shucked mussels will firm them up enough to keep them on a hook. When worms are available, buy only sand worms for this area and use your mussel or clam bait in combination.

Another item that's important, though not totally necessary, is canned kernel corn. If you run short on crushed mussels for chum, the corn can get you through. If you don't have hooks with yellow attractors, one or two kernels on the hook shank just below the bait works well too.

Another important factor to remember is that since the flounder's sense of smell is stronger than his ability to see, it's important to change your bait often. When it has that washed out look, remove it and put on a fresh piece.

There are times when one area seems to produce enough action to satisfy your needs for an entire tide. However, if chumming produces just a few fish and persistent chumming raises even less fish—move! There are days when this is common and each move produces only a few fish. If tidal flow is slow, try drifting to find flounder or the mud patches they feed in. If a fish or two is caught, anchor here and chum for awhile. If it becomes a slow pick, chances are the fish are feeding better on a moving tide. It may be a good idea to drop a marker buoy in this area and just drift around finding the hungrier or more aggressive fish until conditions improve.

By the end of April through the first week of May, larger migratory flounder can be found along the Sound's beaches. Usually these fish are first caught in the deeper water where mud bottom and mussels are found.

Larger hooks than those used for the harbor fish are better suited for the larger fish. A #6 Chestertown can take a wide range of fish up to snowshoe proportions. Baits can be a little larger as well. When hunting for flounder in the Sound it's a good idea to attach a larger short shank hook about one foot above the flounder rig. About a 2/0 size is good, in a beak,

baitholder type. May is the month when almost every species of fish finds their way into the same areas flounder seek food. A little variety can bring some surprises and often fill the box if it turns out to be a poor day for flounder fishing. A spinning rod with a supply of small chrome or white lures can often come in handy when suddenly a school of mackerel, blues, weaks or even bass become apparent.

Drifting along looking for mussel or mud bottom, you must become attuned to the feel of the type bottom you seek. When a sudden pulling is felt on your sinker, followed by a sticky sensation, you're in the ballpark.

There are a number of places to fish for flounder in this part of the Sound. Just beyond the boulder-strewn beach of Crane's Neck, there are mussel beds which have produced good fishing in the past. Moving west into deeper water is a soft bottom that often produces good fishing as well. Going shoreward once again and south along the Crane's Neck peninsula is a cove and a stretch of beach that eventually becomes Stony Brook inlet. This area from the cove southward is called Westmeadow Beach and can be fished by boat or from the beach. Just beyond the beach, within casting range are mussel beds. From Stony Brook Inlet to the Nissequogue River are the shores of Little Africa, Long Beach and Short Beach. Flounder can be taken from Long Beach where the bluff begins, but mussel beds must be found because the beach changes here from year to year. Short Beach, just to the west is rocky with lots of mussels extending out to a 40 foot ledge. This area also has a local name, acquired by the large house high on the bluff and known as "The Mansion." The soft bottom in the 40 foot depths often produces big flounder very early in the season. The mouth of the river is very sandy and not conducive to good flounder fishing unless you go up into the river where the marsh banks separate the narrow channels. As mentioned before, there are a lot of little fish here, but in May the larger fish will be mixed in with them. On the west side of the river is Kings Park and just left of the town ramp is a marina where rental skiffs are available, as well as bait and tackle, gas, and maybe some updated information as to where the best action is.

Using the river as the central point of Smithtown Bay, the western side of the Bay begins with Sunken Meadow State Park. The fishing can be good here, but is usually best to the extreme east where a small jetty exists or to the west, at Calahan's Beach. There is an area here that is very rocky and just beyond the rocks are patches of soft bottom and mussels. This area is probably one of the most popular for bottom fishing, yielding flounder, as well as blackfish and porgies of braggin' size. From here and moving westward is Crab Meadow Beach. This entire stretch of beach is rocky with a hard bottom; however, pockets of mud can be found with a little effort and they do yield flounder. Since most of the area is not to the liking of flounder, an occasional mud hole will harbor an entire school of fish and provide fantastic fishing. This area is in the shadow of the Lilco powerhouse with its four high stacks plainly visible. The small inlet to Northport Basin leads to a ramp on the west side for Northport residents. To the west of this is Ashroken Beach, which consists mostly of sand and hard bottom and yielding few fish. Just a little way offshore in 35 to 40 feet of water is an extensive piece of soft mud bottom. Drift here until you find fish, then anchor and chum. If you find a sizable school you will be in luck or it may just be a pick here and a pick there. The most westerly point of Smithtown Bay is Eaton's Neck. At the point itself and beyond the rocky shore are patches of mussel beds with soft bottom that yield some good size fish.

Few people realize or take advantage of the fine flounder fishing available in Smithtown Bay. I have caught and seen fish from these waters as large as those for which fishermen travel far north and east to catch. And a season never passes without a smattering of snowshoe size fish for those who venture out frequently in search of Smithtown Bay flounder.

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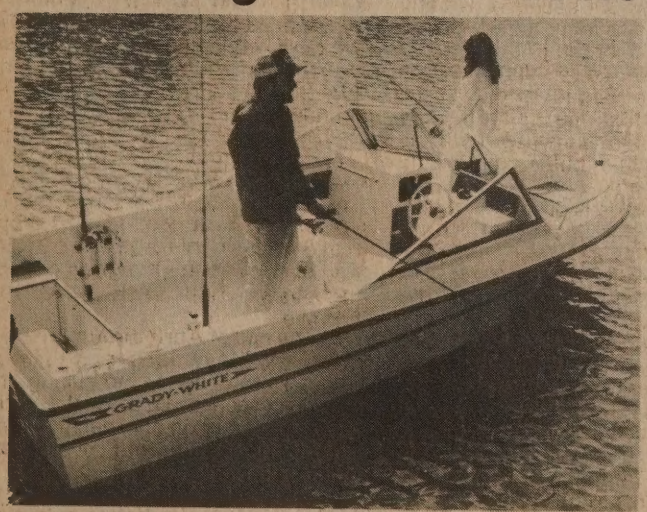

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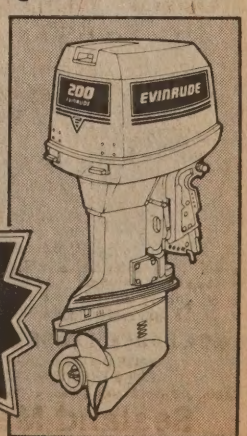

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BUCKTAILING THE BIG APPLE

by John Waldman

According to the author, no other lure matches up to the humble bucktail for New York City stripers.

I'm going to skip the cliches about the bucktail being the one lure I'd want to have if I was drifting around the Pacific in a life raft without food, but with a lot of time on my hands. Yes, it's probably the best all-purpose lure but that's not why I like it. The bucktail is my favorite because for me, a bass fisherman based in New York City, nothing catches stripers locally like bucktails.

I think the major characteristic of bucktails is their lack of inherent action. Many fishermen find this intimidating. I've met many striped bass anglers who take all their fish in swimming plugs and tins fished on a steady retrieve. Some of these same fishermen carry a few bucktails thinking it's the thing to do, but don't use them because it takes less effort to "work" a Rebel-type plug (working it consists of simply reeling it in) and because they find that the leadheads snag easily. After breaking a few off at $1.39 apiece, they're quick to swear them off. These same fishermen are often astonished when a good bucktail fisherman comes down to one of the sun-warmed bays of western Long Island Sound on an evening high tide in the springtime and proceeds to take bass in rapid order right under their swimming plugs. Suddenly everyone is rummaging around their surf bags for those long-forgotten bucktails and attempting to learn how to use them on a crash-course basis when they should have been putting in their time under more relaxed conditions.

I began semi-serious striper fishing about 10 years ago, relying almost completely on Rebels, tin and Alou eels. The common denominator is that they all take some fish on the steady retrieve. To me, bucktails were a mystical kind of lure, so simple in design and so devoid of built-in action, that only the very educated wrists of those veterans who had paid their bass fishing dues in full could bring them to life. The net result was that there would never be a bucktail on the end of my line unless the fishing was absolutely dead and I tried one on for diversion. This is not the way to learn how to fish a bucktail or any other lure for that matter. They should be used at those times when you expect to catch fish and not as a last resort. I stress this learning process only because I find this pattern all too common. The shore-

Sparsely dressed bucktails are the most effective.

bound New York City bass angler has three major options if he doesn't want to travel far. They are to fish the bays of western Long Island Sound, to fish the East and Hudson Rivers, or to fish the surf. Although bucktails can be deadly off the south shore jetties, their overall importance is not as great as for the first two regions.

The shallow bays of the western Sound all produce good numbers of schoolie bass at certain times of the year. Eastchester Bay, Little Neck Bay, Manhasset Bay and Greenwich, Ct. have early runs. The large majority of these are Hudson River fish but the results of a recent tagging study lends credence to what some of the regulars who fish these areas suspected all along: that there is a small, variable minority of bass that winter-over near this region. The study indicated that contrary to previous opinion, a small contingent of stripers migrate in the reverse, moving from the Sound to the Hudson in the spring. When one considers that striped bass do not necessarily spawn every year and that many of the western Sound fish are immature anyway and would therefore not make a spawning migration, tag returns of this kind would probably underestimate the proportion of winter-over fish. Whereas the large schools of Hudson fish don't show up until about April 15-25, in some years it is possible to pick away at fish as early as the last week in March.

Virtually all of the spring fishing occurs in shallow water near the heads of the bays or in coves along their perimeter. These areas are usually exposed or about a foot deep at low tide. This means that they must be fished between about two hours before and two hours beyond high tide. These bays may produce very well in the fall but are often overlooked with all of the excellent fishing available elsewhere at that time.

Later in the spring and during the summer, the mouths of the harbors become productive. With their greater depth and more variable topography, any stage of the tide may produce. Unfortunately, however, access is usually a problem in these areas.

Light lines of about 8 lb. test perform well here and long casts are very much to your advantage. There are few specific fish holding spots, so the idea is to cover as much water as possible. This is done by quietly wading out to the edge of the marsh grass and fanning the water with long casts. Strikes will occur anywhere from where the lure lands, on up to your feet. Don't neglect to try casting almost parallel to the grass line as this is a prime feeding spot.

Another reason for using a light line is that as a rule, the smaller the bucktail the better. Many times it is worth sacrificing the casting distance potential of a half ounce bucktail for the fishing capability of a leadhead half that size.

Start retrieving slowly while raising the rod to about 80° from the horizontal. Then drop the tip until it's almost parallel to the water as you continue reeling and then with the wrist bring the rod back to the upright position with a little bit of a snap. The upward motion of the rod should be faster than the downward. It feels awkward at first, but eventually becomes almost instinctual. Actually bouncing the lure off the bottom is not usually necessary, although it may produce well at times. This technique is merely a starting point for the inexperienced. Experiment with various speeds and lengths of hops. Strikes generally occur just after a hop as you begin to lower your rod tip.

The author unhooks a schoolie that fell for a small, unadorned, white bucktail.

Prowess with the bucktail in shallow bays only increases the arsenal of techniques available there. In the deep, fast moving waters of the Hudson and East Rivers, knowing how to handle a bucktail is essential. No other lure approaches the effectiveness of the bucktail for this kind of fishing.

Productive spots are usually either piers or deep-water areas with structure along the shore line. As pier fishing is not my strong point, I won't discuss it here except to state that vertical jigging should not be overlooked. Bass are attracted to piers for the structure they provide; so it's pointless to walk to the end of a pier and begin making long casts.

Many places along the Manhattan and Bronx shores of the Hudson and the Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn shores of the East River hold large numbers of schoolies. The tidal differentials between the Lower Bay, the Sound and the Hudson with the added complication of the Harlem River connection makes the character of these currents unusually swift and complex. Good locations are normally anywhere the main current is broken up by some obstruction in water of at least five feet, but preferably at

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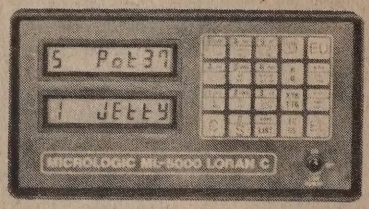

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greater depths. Whirlpools and counter-currents are often outstanding. Look for divergences in the current; areas of upwelling that form a visible dome of water heading off in different directions. Baitfish in these locations not only have to fight the horizontal current, but also the vertical force pulling them off the bottom. Stripers surround these upwellings as if they were staging a seige around a fort.

Again, the smaller the bucktail the better, although ideal size here is measured not only by attractiveness to the fish, but also by how the weight of the bucktail influences its position relative to the bottom during the retrieve. The best fishing is almost always near the bottom (with the exception of piers). The idea, therefore, is to use the lightest bucktail that actually "fishes" the water. If contact with the bottom along with occasional hangups aren't made, chances are slim that strikes will be drawn. The countdown technique is useful here. For example, if it takes 20 seconds for the leadhead to reach bottom, try beginning the retrieve at about 18 seconds. The bucktail should just caress the bottom all the way in.

I find this river bucktailing especially interesting because so many factors have to be considered at once. You are, in a sense, sending your bucktail out into a highly dynamic environment and attempting to explore its constantly shifting (as you retrieve) dimensions. Your clues are what you see at the surface, tempered by your ability to read water. The payoff is the solid strike you feel when you put it all together. To me, that even beats the smashing, splashing strikes that poppers draw. Although surface fishing has its place as an effective technique, it can be quite boring because of its two dimensionality. You're not exploring the limits of an environment but rather, merely combing the surface.

Reading the water is something that many freshwater fishermen excel at out of experience and necessity and is the reason why they frequently become excellent striped bass anglers. Certain parts of the East River resemble a large freshwater trout or black bass river when the tide is ripping. On every cast, one must consider the desired transect worked, the angle of the cast, the depth to be fished, the speed of the retrieve and the action to be imparted. In regards to angle, a 45° upstream cast with a swing down to anywhere from perpendicular to 30° downstream is a rough rule of thumb.

One of the marvelous properties of bucktails is their fish-holding ability. Once the single hook penetrates, the fish is rarely dropped. Most of the time the bass is hooked in the corner of the upper jaw making it easy to grab the lower jaw, thereby immobilizing the fish and easing hook removal.

What about the bucktail itself? Color is an issue. I find there are three

schools of thought on this. One group swears by white and another would die defending yellow. On the whole, I believe white to be more popular, but the defenders of yellow to be more passionate about it. A third school, to which I belong, maintains the philosophy that it usually doesn't matter which you use, but why not be ready for anything and carry both? In fact, there is much room for color experimentation. A killer for the very expert regulars who fish the Spuyten Duyvil in the Bronx is the color lime green. I tie some of my yellow and white bucktails with a blend of the natural brown that deer tails come with and find that they also work well.

How the bucktail is dressed is of great importance. Many store-bought bucktails are tied, in an apparent effort to impress the fisherman, to resemble shaving brushes. When pulled through the water they bear a closer resemblance to a drowning poodle than to a sleek baitfish. Bass shy away from these over-endowed creations under most circumstances. Bucktails work best when tied sparsely. If you have some of these bushy bucktails which, by the way, cast about as well as kites, do not be afraid to cut or pull some of the excess hair out.

What about the shape of the leadhead? Horizontally flattened heads have more resistance to sinking and so are more appropriate for shallow water fishing. Vertically flattened heads such as the Upperman style sink fast and are well suited for river fishing. The Spuyten Duyvil regulars favor the bullet head which sinks fast and also presents an extra long profile. A good compromise for all around fishing is the oval shape. Any extra molded decor on the head, such as a grinning face, cuts down on casting distance because of its greater surface area. They also don't cut the water as well but this can be an advantage whenever there is a need to fish a large bucktail in shallow water.

The necessity of pork rind is often debated and usually overstated. Whereas it may be essential at times in the surf when using large bucktails, I do not think it is needed for the kind of fishing discussed here. Of course, it never hurts to experiment.

A last point is whether to buy bucktails or to make them. If you just fish the shallow bays, you probably can afford the very occasional loss. If, however, you enjoy river fishing, it is probable that you will have no choice but to make them. This is not a problem as molds are readily available, last a lifetime and give you something to do when the snow is falling. The weight series range incorporated into the mold should run from about 1/4 or 3/8 ounces to about 3/4 ounces.

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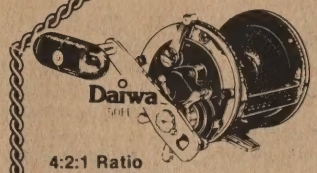

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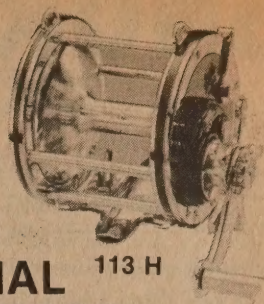

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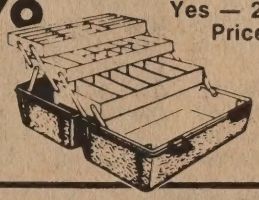

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SHORESIDE FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

Many Long Island anglers choose to stay on terra firma when flatties are the target. If you're among them, read on!

Sad to say, there are fishermen who consider any time spent shore fishing for flounder as a complete waste of effort. In fact, fishermen like my buddy Artie Leidecker, for instance, consider **all** types of shore fishing nothing but a waste of time. But then we don't own a neat 30 footer which enables us to satisfy the whim of the moment and run offshore to the latest hotspot and search out cod, blackfish, and fluke—not to mention mackerel, ling, whiting, sea bass, and porgies. So most guys like us take our fishing where and how we can. And if that means standing on a lonely bulkhead, pier, or wherever the chances for a fish or two happen to look good, so be it. I've certainly done my share of it over the years.

You know, I'll tell you something. There have been times when I've had more success flounder fishing from shore than I've had when fishing from a skiff or party boat. Not too often, perhaps, but there have been occasions when I was amazed at the amount of fish I caught just by casting from a bulkhead or wharf into a deep-water creek or canal.

Now just because I've been amazed at my results from time to time doesn't mean shore fishing is easy; that there's nothing to it. As with anything else in fishing, you've got to know what you're doing. Oh, sure, if you're lucky and hit upon one of those days when the fish bite on everything but the sinker, you'll wonder what all the fuss is about. But there aren't many days like that, although to read some stories about fishing these extraordinary days are quite common for some. Perhaps they are, but as for me—not so. Few and far between is more like it. I can tell you, too, that at day's end I've always come away with the feeling that I've earned every fish in my bucket. Maybe it's me; I don't know.

Where you intend to do your shore flounder fishing, I have no idea; but that doesn't matter because what applies to one area will apply in another. And because of that lucky break, I can tell you how I go about it; which means that if you use the methods which follow, you should be able to put a fish or two in that bucket.

I suppose one of the most important bits of information I can give you on shore fishing for flounder is that our flat friend must be hunted. Many shore fishermen are unaware of this—indeed, there are boat fishermen who are unaware of this, too. But it is true, nevertheless. So the next time you go shore fishing for flounder and good results are not forthcoming, keep in mind what you've just read. It may well make or break your day.

In fact, if you've been shore fishing for any length of time, I'm sure you've had days when you swore up and down that there were no fish around. And what happened? Along came a fellow angler who parked himself nearby, and with one cast showed you the fish were only a dozen yards away. Don't tell me how you felt. I know. It's happened to all of us, and will happen again; so don't feel too bad. But the chances of this sorry state of affairs happening again will be greatly lessened if you remember to move about your fishing area if and when it is possible to do so.

It is usually best to cast out to the deepest water in the area being fished, and to do this a medium-weight spinning outfit is best. A matching reel should be filled with 10 to 15 pound test line. I know some fellows will say this type of gear is much too heavy. They have a point, of course. But I find that when shore fishing it is common for the rig to hang-up on assorted bottom obstructions. Using slightly heavier gear will help you salvage many rigs that otherwise would be lost due to light tackle breaking off at the least bit of extra strain. But as the man says, you pays your money and you takes your choice. There will always be those of us who need convincing—the hard way!

Sinker weight will vary depending on strength of current in your fishing area. A bank sinker of two ounces is usually sufficient—sometimes less. In fact, if your fishing area contains

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currents which require a sinker of three ounces or more, I would think about fishing elsewhere. Flounder fishing is always best where tide and current are slow-moving. Makes for easier fishing, too.

Incidentally, it is a good idea to carry spare terminal tackle. No matter how carefully the fisherman strives to avoid those underwater hazards just mentioned, it is almost impossible to do so. (Shinnecock Canal is one area that comes to mind.) More than one disgusted fisherman has had to quit just when the fish decided to go on a feeding binge because he failed to bring along extra gear. If you're near a tackle shop or near other fishermen this may not mean all that much to you...but if you're all alone? A word to the wise is sufficient.

Two #9 or #10 Chestertown hooks, or two #6 regular-shanked Sproats should be tandem-tied for best results and placed about two inches above the sinker. Use a one inch double-overhand loop for this. To tandem tie, simply bend the snell of one hook at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Then run the second hook through the first fold and draw up tightly. Secure with a common overhand knot. Takes but seconds, but practice a few times first.

The use of a three-way swivel is optional. Some fellows swear by them, but I'll stick to that one inch dropper loop, if you please. Some 60 years ago I was told that the less hardware used for bottom fishing, the better. I have never found one instance where this has been proven wrong. So, I repeat it now for your benefit. It is one of the best tips I can give you and it will serve you well over the years—and also put more fish in that bucket!

Many times casting to those deeper spots will cause the hooks to tangle about the main line. Simple solution. Use a sinker snap instead of an end loop and place both sinker and hooks together. If you don't have a sinker snap, use an oversized snap swivel. You may lose some sensitivity and "flounder-feel," but not enough to concern yourself. It is more frustrating to continuously be concerned over whether your hooks are on bottom—where they must be to catch flounder.

Flounder take a variety of baits, and you will notice the experienced flounder fisherman will always bring along several kinds. He leaves nothing to chance. Nor should you. The more of a selection of bait you have to offer, the better your chance of success.

Probably the most often used baits are sand and bloodworms, but this does not necessarily mean they are the best. Flounder will often shun worm and take hard, soft, or skimmer clam over all else. The same can be said of fresh bank mussel. So, because of this, it is always best to carry at least two baits—more if it is possible to do so.

Quite often in springtime, flounder will show a preference for fresh soft clam (steamers). Luckily, these are easily obtained in fish markets—although if you know an area where they can be dug, so much the better; these seem to produce better than those bought in markets. (I don't know why, except that it is so.)

Preparing soft clam for bait is simple and quick as they are easily removed from the shell. Use the neck-like syphon and the "ribbon" around the edge of the shell. The soft stomach can be mixed with the shells and used for chum if it is possible to do so in your fishing area.

Depending upon its size, the neck of the soft clam should be cut lengthways into two or more pieces. Remove the black skin by peeling. The "ribbon" should be cut into inch-and-a-quarter slices. The hook is run two or three times through either of these baits and the barb allowed to protrude freely—be sure to allow at least a third of an inch to wiggle in the current. This is the part flounder cannot resist.

Fresh bank mussel make excellent bait in spring, and they are seldom refused. The one drawback mussels have is that they are difficult to keep on the hook, especially when cast. In this instance, it is perhaps better to mash a few at a time and toss them toward the vicinity of the feeding fish. By gradually reducing the distance, it is possible to bring those fish to within easy-fishing reach...then you can more easily use your mussel bait.

And don't forget night crawlers and red worms (these are often obtainable from classified ads in fresh water fishing magazines). These worms will often outfish other baits on certain phases of the tide. I wish I could tell you what those phases are, but I can't, simply because they vary from day to day. It is best to experiment here by using one of these worms on one hook and clam on the other. This is what I do when I have night crawlers along.

You'll notice that the farther east you fish on Long Island, the larger the average flounder will be. This is not to say that there are no large flounder except at eastern Long Island. The largest flounder I ever caught in inland waters weighed well over three pounds and it came from Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek some years ago. Except for snowshoe flounder, I have never topped this fish in weight. But all in all, your changes for bigger fish are greatly increased the farther east you fish.

Incidentally, while on the subject of areas to fish, be sure those you select are free of pollution. No matter where or how you flounder fish, it must be done in non-polluted water. Our flat friend is highly pollution conscious and any unclean, tainted bottom will send him scurrying in a hurry. Remembering this important fact will put flounder in your bucket, for they are the most plentiful of all fish around Long Island. But polluted water will produce none at all for you.

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REVOLUTION IN ELECTRONICS

Part One—*by Al Ristori*

In this, the first of a three part series on electronics, the author provides his expert views on this year's crop of graph recorders.

There have been some significant advances in fishing tackle over the last few years, but nothing to even remotely compare with what's gone on in electronics. The changes come so quickly that last year's leader is often left behind in the proverbial trail of dust—and the latest models are threatened by mid-season introductions. Best of all, these advancements are being made at the same time that prices are falling. In almost every case, you can buy electronics today that are far advanced over those of five years ago and also much cheaper—even in our present inflated dollars!

This subject encompasses so many products that we can't possibly cover them all in one article or even a series. However, I will go over some of the more advanced units I've come across at the New York Boat Show or received press releases about—as well as those I've had personal experience with. Let's start off this week with recorders.

From the small boatman's point of view, the big breakthrough this year is the Lowrance X-15. This computerized graph recorder serves almost every need from the shallows to the depths, and it's now being routinely discounted for under $600. Without a doubt, this is the hottest selling graph recorder that's ever hit the market. The X-15 Grayline Recorder uses four inch paper, but allows the operator to select any 10-foot section of the water column desired all the way from the shallows to over 1,000 feet. Indeed, under ideal conditions, the X-15 can read to almost 3,000 feet, giving you 32,325 possible ranges.

The key to the practicality of the X-15 (even for larger boats) is that you can instantly select any 10 feet and blow that up on the four inch paper. Just tap the numbers you want for upper and lower limits and the machine starts printing out the new depth marks being recorded. Thus, if you're fishing in 60 feet of water and are only interested in the fish near bottom, you can punch 50 upper limit and 60 lower limit—and fill up the paper with just that 10 feet. The X-15

Lowrance X-15.

will also draw lines and give you fathoms or meters with a single touch of the control panel. The pulse length is automatically adjusted to give six inch resolution under 60 feet, but you can make your own pulse length adjustments for special requirements.

The Lowrance X-15 weighs 8.5 pounds, has an operating frequency of 192 kHz, and puts out 1600 watts peak-to-peak. The dimensions are 8½ inches high, 11¾ inches wide and 6-1/8 inches deep. It's exactly the same size as previous Lowrance graphs, so those owners can install it immediately in the original mount. The same transducers also work, but a plug-in adaptor is required. The waterproof baked enamel case will take the pounding on small boats and isn't affected by saltwater. At the end of the day it can be hosed off as you're cleaning the boat. Darrell Lowrance comes from Oklahoma, but he's more at home on the briny—and the rougher it is the better he likes it. He just won't put out anything that can't take the beating he gives it in his own Mako 25 based in Florida.

A special feature of the Lowrance unit is the opportunity to use dual transducers with a switch mounted near the graph to instantly change the reading. For normal purposes in shallow waters (under 60 feet), the wider angle 20 degree transducer covers more ground and is the usual choice. The narrow eight degree transducer gives better detail in deeper water and is a big help in getting properly situated on a tight spot. For instance, if you were looking for a wreck, the 20 degree transducer would be the one to use in the search—while the eight degree would then help you to anchor over it.

There's also another version of the X-15. The Lowrance X-1550 operates on a frequency of 50 kHz in order to provide optimum penetration to the depths. The X-1550 is rated for the same 2490 feet as the X-15, but will prove more reliable in great depths and should record at over 3000 feet. It comes in the same case as the X-15 and has all the same features, but at present can be used only with a very wide angle 45 degree transducer. Basically that's an advantage, though there has traditionally been a problem with very wide angle transducers in shallow (under 30 feet) waters. The powerful echo sometimes results in no signal at all. Lowrance thinks it has the problem licked for the most part, but the recommendation still is to stick with the X-15 if you'll be operating primarily in shallower waters.

Though the X-1550 is intended for deep water work, the 45 degree transducer may prove helpful in locating mid-water schooling fish (such as blues) almost anywhere. It also is the ideal way to go if you use downriggers, as the cone will record them on your graph—letting you know just how deep you are and whether you're interacting with fish

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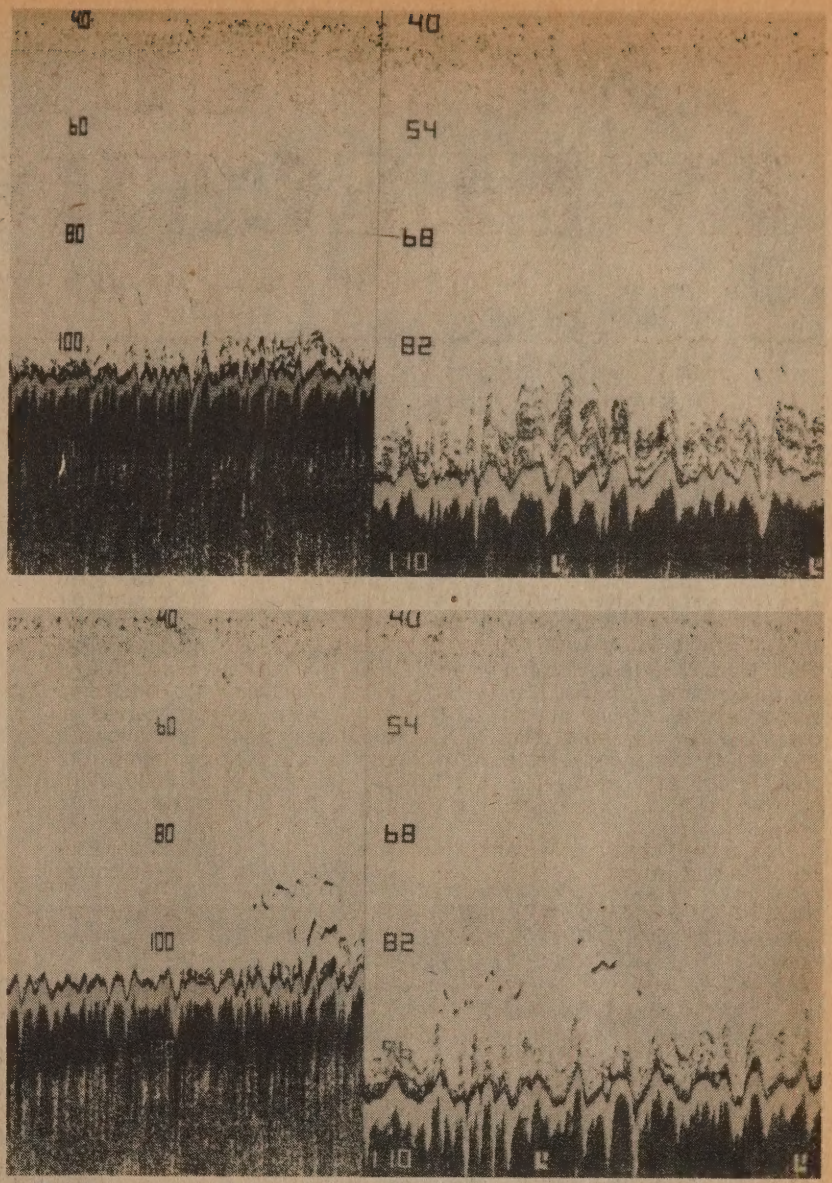
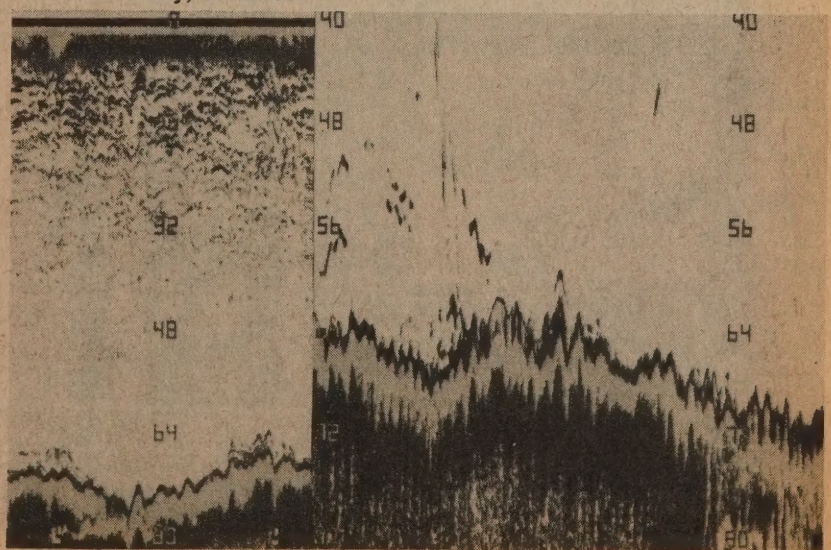


Two Lowrance X-15 chart papers showing change in scale over bottom at Walker's Cay, Bahamas.



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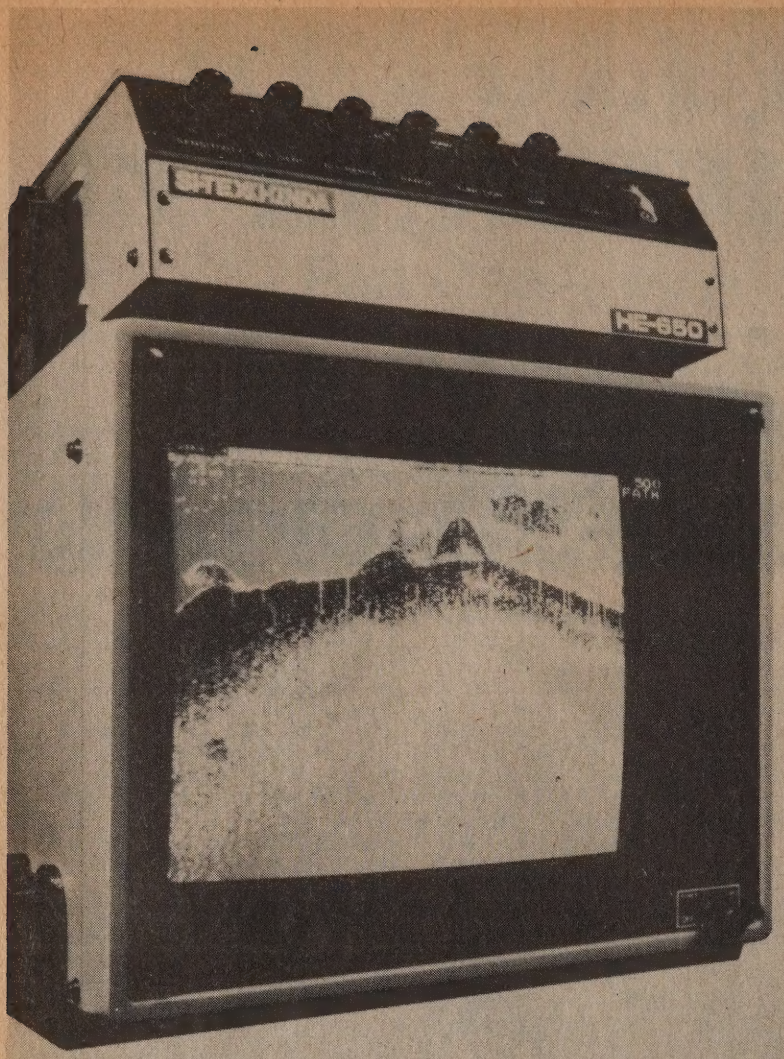


Si-Tex HE-650 color fishfinder has 14 inch display.

Si-Tex HE-32.

being recorded.

The two new Lowrance computer graphs come with a full one-year warranty, two 50-foot rolls of graph paper and an extra stylus. I've had quite a bit of experience with the X-15 in the Bahamas, Florida and Montauk—and can't say too much about it!

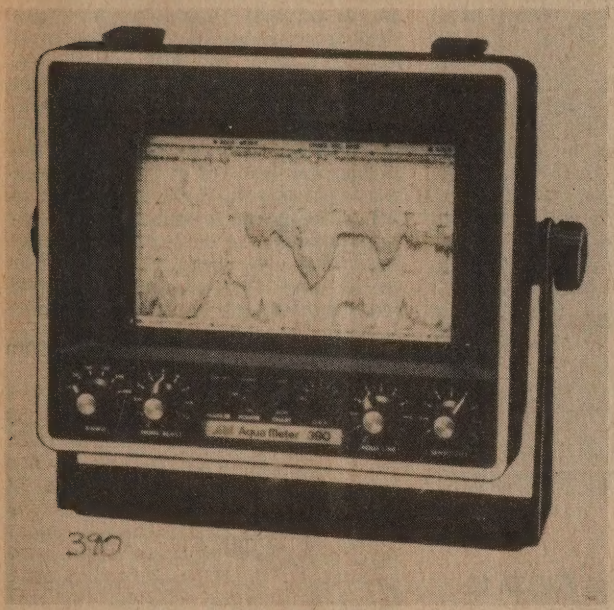
Si-Tex is a strong competitor in every phase of electronics. The HE-300 series graphs stand out due to their cartridge loading device. To change a paper roll, just open the front access door and press the release latch to pop the used cartridge out. The refilled cartridge slips into place with a snap and the unit is ready to operate. There are two relatively inexpensive white-line units. The HE-300A for shallower waters has a 200 kHz transducer and a range scale divided into six ranges from 0 to 60 down to 480 feet. Model HE-300B for offshore work features a 50 kHz transducer and six ranges from 0 to 20 to 160 fathoms. Both have 100 watts effective (800 watts peak) power. The similarly "book-sized" (6-7/8 inches high, 10 inches wide and 3-1/6 inches deep) HE-356 is a white line with ranges from 0 to 12 to 600 feet. It's also available in 200 or 50 kHz. Moving up to six inch paper there's the HE-315 series with white line and "bottom anywhere" features. The deep water model will go down to 1800 feet and, once again, there's a choice of 200 or 50 kHz. For those who want a small graph and a flasher alongside, the HE-32 series provides both a straight-line/white-line graph with a slide-rule flasher—plus a 0 to 12 foot first range and the bottom anywhere feature.

The latest introduction from Si-Tex is strictly for larger craft. The HE-650 two-unit color depth sounder tops their line of chromoscopes (color video units) by featuring a huge 14 inch screen. The CRT indicator unit is approximately the same size as similar sounders with an eight inch display, but it offers a picture area almost three times as big. The CRT indicator unit can be mounted in any spot convenient for viewing, while the main control unit should be placed close by in order for the operator to be able to make adjustments. Depth ranges are in feet on the 200 kHz model and in fathoms on the 50 kHz entry. Depth range selection is from 0 to 640 feet (or fathoms), with 0 to 20 on the first range. The image area of the range selected can be shifted in increments of 5, 10, 20, 40, 80 and 160 feet (or fathoms) on all ranges for scale expansion—and the operator can also select a split-screen bottom-lock display in increments of 5, 10, 20, and 40 feet (or fathoms) up from the bottom.

Furuno's latest additions to the FCV series of color video sounders are the relatively inexpensive FCV-200 (adaptor display) and FCV-201 (stand-alone). The eight-color display identifies mixed species by different colors and provides a choice of normal and

Furuno FCV-200/201 color video sounder

Furuno FE-450



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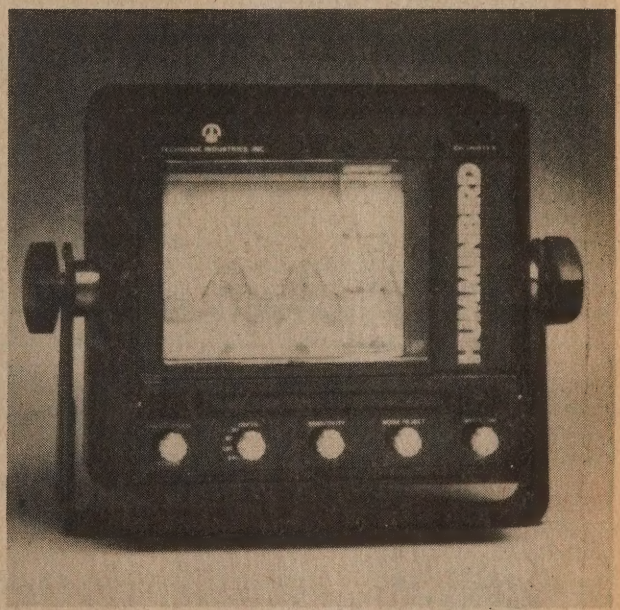


Humminbird CH Thirty II

bottom-lock presentations. Depth ranges start at 30 feet and go down to 960. In a more modest price range, the Furuno FE-450 compact four inch paper graph comes in a plastic housing, has a white line feature, and provides six ranges from 0 to 15 to 0 to 480 feet. The FE-606 is a new, relatively inexpensive six inch paper unit which ranges all the way from 0 to 30 down to 1200 feet. The chart window and paper transport, both in a hinged structure, permit easy replacement of the recording paper. In addition, there's a direct depth readout by LED display.

Aqua Meter's chart recorder line is topped by the new Cheater SL. That straight-line recorder has 2000 watts of transmit power and a grey tone Aqua Line bottom reading feature. Six depth ranges start at 0 to 10 feet and go down to 320 feet. List price is $799.95. The Aqua Probe 390 straight line recorder has 1000 watts output and six ranges from 0 to 15 feet down to 480 feet. It also has the Aqua Line and lists for $699.95. The Aqua Probe 380 is a white line flasher/recorder combination with 0 to 300 and 0 to 600 foot ranges listing at $600.

Humminbird is a major national factor in flashers, but a relative newcomer to the graph recorder field. Two newly re-designed models are featured this year. Both the CH Thirty II (ranges from 0 to 30 to 0 to 240 feet) and CH Four-Eighty II (0 to 60 to 0 to 480 feet) have new cartridge designs which eliminate difficulties with paper movement caused by dampness. These units are waterproof, operate to 65 mph, have four inch target separation, and carry a one-year full warranty.

Southern Marine Research (SMR) has come out with two hot new four inch paper graphs. The inexpensive Striker ST-440 features white line recording to 440 feet. The Striker ST-480M is a similarly compact white line unit, also in a corrosion-proof housing, which records to 480 feet and has a first range of 0 to 15 feet. Its special feature is Memalog circuitry, which provides a combination of analog and memory-type technology. In shallow water ranges the ST-480M stores all available information in a specially designed microchip. In deeper ranges it shifts to analog-type circuitry which allows the operator to select "windows" of specific depth or bottom structure for detailed inspection.

There'll be much more on graph recorders and video units in the next installment of this series—along with information on the latest in flashers.

THIS YEAR AT THE JONES BEACH PIERS

by Herb Buch

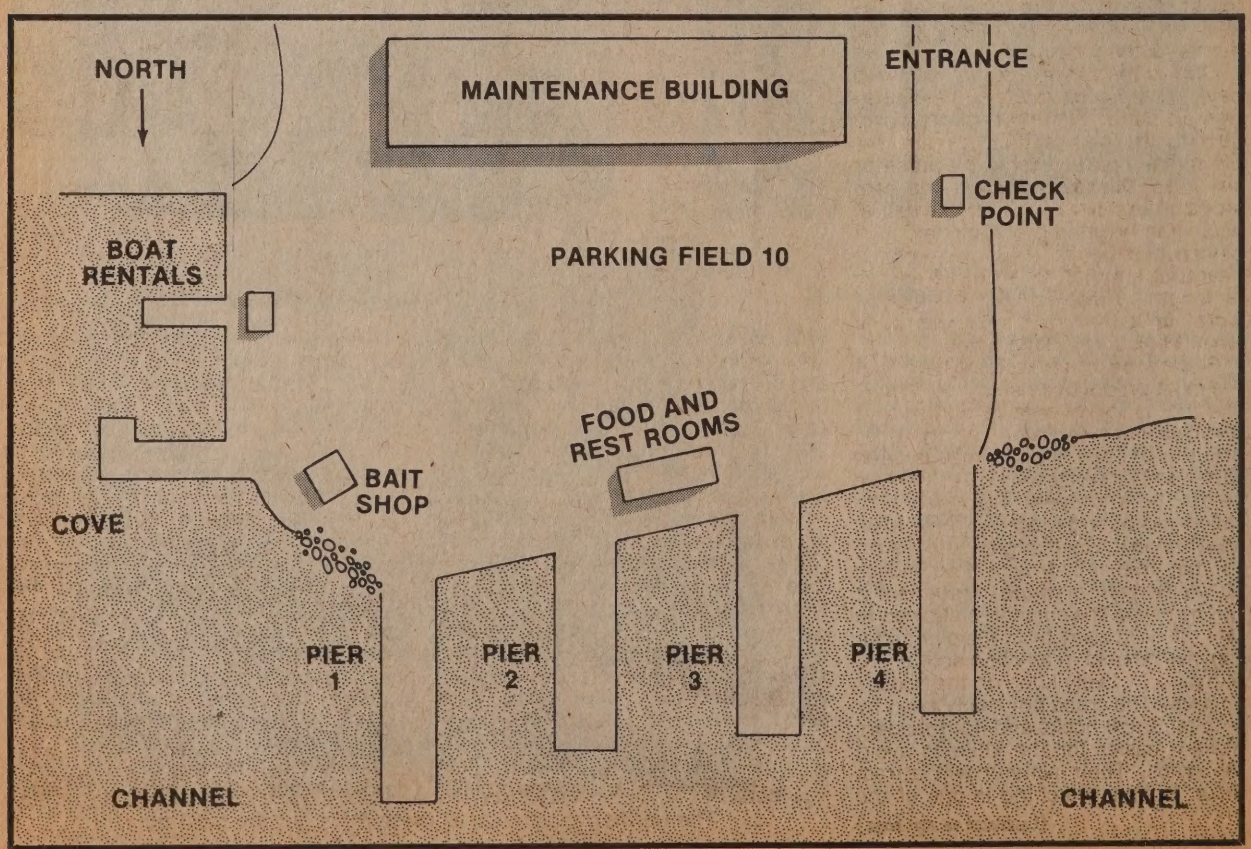
These popular structures sit atop some mighty productive water and never fail to produce a number of surprises each season.

The Jones Beach fishing piers have something to offer for every type of fisherperson in our area. They are easy to get to, inexpensive to fish, comfortable for family fishing, safe, and at times, very productive. In these inflationary times, you could not ask for more.

Since our primary objective is to catch fish, I will leave the other points for later. Each season is different from every other one in all respects. Nonetheless, there will be flounder, fluke, blackfish, sea bass, kingfish, weakfish, bluefish, snappers, and many other varieties taken each year. What varies is the number of each species, the productive seasons and tidal stages, the baits and rigs, and the times of day.

I will begin my predictions for the coming year based upon past experience and performance. The months of April, May, and June always produce flounder here. The fishing is never consistent, but you can usually pick up a few fish for dinner if you know the area. Sometime during this period, specialists will pick up some nice blackfish, and at times small blues will reward the person willing to fish bait for them. Summer is often slow during the day, with small flounder and other small fish the most likely catches of the average sinker bouncer. Once again, specialists are pulling some nice fluke, including occasional doormats, and night fishermen may be taking tiderunner weaks or decent blues. In the late summer and into the fall there are usually lots of snappers and big crowds to fish for them. At the same time, the flounder begin to increase in size. There may be a run of blackfish and sea bass, and night fishing could produce weaks or blues. Late fall and winter produce flounder into January when the weather allows, and some years, the chance to jig a few herring.

Now for some practical approaches. If you want to get the most out of this spot you must fish it regularly, and switch methods to suit each new situation. You cannot follow the fish as you would in a boat. You must take what comes to you at the most favorable tide, or time of day. A couple of years ago there was a great run of flounder at the end of December. All of the flounder party boats and boat rentals were finished for the season, but some of the piers were so busy that you could not get a spot to fish. The catches equalled those made from boats at the best of times. Even Christmas Day brought out a big crowd, and they all did very well. Many expert surf and boat fishermen



were on the piers at that time, having just as much fun as anyone else. If you come out regularly and are observant you will get in on some excellent action at sometime each year. Unfortunately, it is not usually at the same time or for the same fish. For this reason, an occasional fisherman might think that the piers are unproductive after two or three casual visits.

Flounder are probably the most abundant fish in the area of the piers over the longest season. They can be caught from any of the piers, but piers one and four are most productive. Pier one seems to be best on ebb tide while four produces on either tide, with a slight edge for the flood. The same bottom rig you use on a boat, with a one or two ounce sinker will usually do the job. Best baits are worms, clams, and mussels. Some of the specialists here rig their own hooks with snells that are longer and lighter than those you buy. Chum is used by the knowledgeable, but is not necessary if there is a real run on.

Snappers are the second most popular fish here and they rate second only because their season is shorter than that for flounder. (Late August to mid-October for snappers.) Everybody catches some snappers with a spearing on the hook and a bobber up the line. Here and there you will find someone pulling in more than their share, sometimes without using a bobber, and even at times on lures. Because of the crowds at this season you may have to get here early to get a good spot. This has two advantages. First, you get a spot where you want to fish. Secondly, the fishing is often best early in the day before all the human activity begins.

During the spring and fall it always pays to keep a few crabs and blackfish rigs on hand. Fishing straight down next to the pilings that support the piers may produce some blackfish or sea bass. Nineteen Eighty-One provided an excellent run of these fish at about the beginning of October. Just before this began there were some beautiful kingfish to about 16 inches in length. These fell for a piece of worm or a thin strip of squid on a small hook with a long leader.

Fluke are regular visitors here, but the most productive fishing method is one that is rarely seen in our area. It involves float fishing. A long, thin, brightly painted sliding float is used with a sinker set at the end of the line below it. A dropper loop near the sinker has a long leadered fluke hook attached to it. Each angler sets his rig so that the sinker is a few inches above the bottom in the area where it will be used. The current is allowed to carry this rig away from the pier and it can also be held in any one spot if you so desire. A lively killie on the hook is up above the crabs but easily seen by a fluke. Small hooks and light leaders make it easier for the killie to avoid the crabs. Their activity will attract fluke. Bobber watching is one of the

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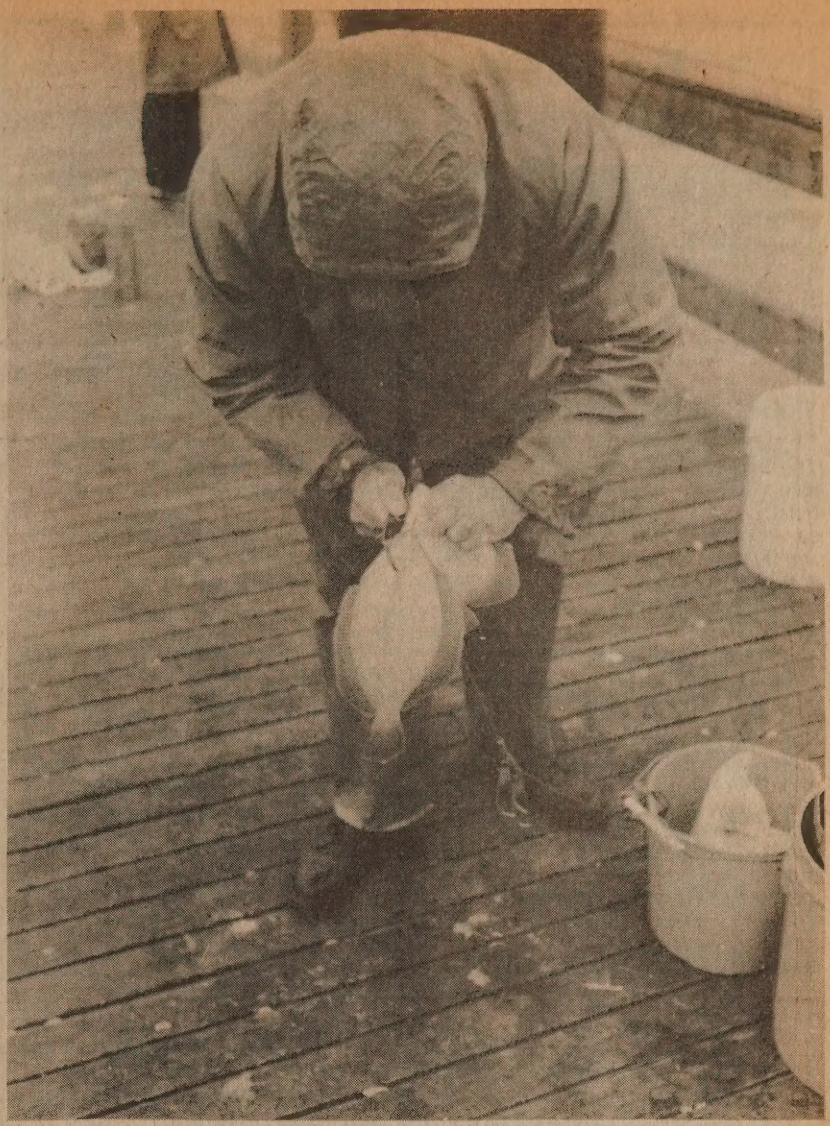

A pier regular strings another flounder.

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most relaxing, yet most exciting forms of fishing and this game can produce big ones in contrast to snapper fishing. When the snappers swarm in, late in the season, they will take a lot of your baits. You will also add some big snappers to your catch. You will need a killie car, and rope so that you can keep your live bait in the water. Some people get by with a pail, but it is not the best way. You also need a long handled net to land your catch.

Although the piers may be crowded every day during the summer, they are usually almost deserted at night. Most of the time there is not much action then, but at times it is more than worthwhile. The cove near Pier four often harbors schools of bunker and other baitfish. Several years ago, tiderunner weakfish invaded the cove every evening for about a week. Fishing lures from Pier four, the shore line near it, and the old dock all produced nice fish. The shore area and old dock are now restricted, but Pier four is still a good bet. Fishing bait at night from the end of Pier four on the incoming and the end of Pier one on the outgoing, allows you to work the edge of the channel regardless of the strength of the current. Big rods are in order, and both blues and weaks may show up. It is not always productive, but when fish are working the area, action may come on several consecutive nights. It is a pleasant place to fish, but carry a long handled net or gaff.

Now that you know what to expect, I would like to comment on the conveniences of this spot. You can park a few feet from the piers, there are clean rest rooms available, a snack bar, vending machines, and a bait and tackle shop. It is open 24-hours a day. If you want to fish at night you must obtain a free permit from the Administration Building. Your pass will be checked at night, and as a result, there is now little vandalism, and it is a very safe place to fish. There is a parking fee during the day, from 8AM to 4PM; at other times parking is free. Senior citizens are entitled to special permits. People bring folding chairs and coolers and really relax here. It is an ideal spot to take children or beginners, but it also attracts lots of old-timers who know its full potential. It even has wheelchair access for the handicapped. Do not leave your car without the permit being easily visible on your dashboard if you expect to stay after dark. I received one ticket for being careless and hope that you remember. If fish begin to bite in the evening, it is easy to forget the pass as you continue fishing. Rest rooms are usually open till just after dark, but the bait shop closes earlier, so stock up while they are open.

To sum it all up, I am looking forward to some good action here during the coming year. The times, tides, and species may vary but the clean water, clean air, cool breezes and pleasing surroundings will always make each trip enjoyable.

East End REPORT

with Bob Lee

The codfishing has never been better so say all the boat captains at Montauk. Flounder acitivty in Sag Harbor, Noyac, Hampton Bays, and Shinnecock is off to a great start. The weather, though not as bad as last week is still not cooperating as it should. From all reports the Cartwright Grounds is paved with cod in the 7 to 30 pound plus range. The boat captain's say it is the best codfishing they have seen in many years. Flounder fishing is good but again the weather plays a most important part in this type of fishing. A few sunny, windless days especially over the weekend, should see some outstanding flounder catches.

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Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Montauk** based **Viking Fleet** reports super codfishing at the Cartwright Grounds. Capt. Forsberg said fishermen took home bags of cod on Saturday and Sunds. Fish in the 5 to 14 pound range are commonplace, with an occasional bigger fish mixed in. Steve Rad of New Jersey is the new leader in the Spring Codfish Derby with a 39 pound, 5 ounce fish. High hook this week was Tony Miria of Brooklyn with 21 cod and one pollock. Clam baits and jigs turned the trick on this fantastic fishing said Capt. Forsberg.

Pete and Joe show some of their big catch of cod to 48 lbs. taken last spring at Montauk aboard the "Ebb Tide."

Capt. John DeMaio, skipper of the charter boat **Vivienne** reports the codfishing at Montauk is the best he has seen in a long, long time. On Sunday, 4 fares had 145 codfish. Saturday saw 2 fishermen haul in 77 cod. These fish were in the 6 to 20 pound range. Capt. DeMaio said the whole south side of Montauk is alive with cod. The Cartwright is a particular hot spot. Most of the fish are in the 7 to 10 pound range with some 30 pound plus fish mixed in. Many fishermen are catching cod two at a time mostly on bait.

Capt. Richie Rade of the **Montauk** based **Marlin Fleet** said the codfishin the Cartwright area is excellent. Everybody is catching 10 to 20 fish a man in the 8 to 10 pound range. Some scattered 30 to 35 pounders.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the Montauk based charter boat **Adios** called to say he would like to greet all his customers and welcome them to start the 1983 fishing season. Capt. Lewis is now accepting charters, so make your reservations early.

The Leeds family with 12 stripers to 25 lbs. taken last fall on charter boat "Vivienne."

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Arty Lach, skipper of **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric** reports that Saturday was the best day of the season so far. Capt. Lach said the flounder fishing was excellent at the South Ferry, Caretakers and Dering Harbor. The fish are a nice size running from ¾ to 2 pounds. Lou Naviello of Seaford was the pool winner and high hook also. Bob Nann of Queens and Bill Ryan of North Babylon had 35 fat flounder between them. **Capt. Lach said the Wilhelric will not sail on Easter Sunday, April 3.**

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports excellent flounder activity can be found in the Sag Harbor area. Any cove or deep hole holds some good size flounders to 2 pounds. The area around the N. Haven bridge has been producing some good action for shore

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casters. Incoming water is best and mussel baits are prefered. Chumming is a must when fishing from a boat.

Helen Jacobson of the **Noyac Marina** in Noyac said that the Marina will be open for upcoming Easter weekend. Boats and bait will be available.

Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** reports Promised Land in the 3 mile harbor area is starting to show some flounder action. Towd Point and Heddy Creek are producing some good flounder action also. The Shinnecock Canal is good weather permitting.

In **Hampton Bays, Corr's Mariner's Cove** reports good flounder fishing at Heddy Creek. The fish seemed to have moved from the basket area. Boat rental fishermen are catching 30 to 40 fish a boat. Mussel chum and sand worms are best.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Colofaro

Weather again played a big factor in the weekend fishing picture, both directly and indirectly. Friday's gale left the weaters of both Moriches and Great South Bay pretty well roiled for Saturday and Sunday and fishing, while not poor, was certainly off. Everyone seems to be waiting for a prolonged stretch of decent weather to get the flatfishing back on track. Plenty of fish are being caught despite the less than ideal conditions so some good weather should result in some very fine action in this area.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Larry Dallaire called the fishing pretty good this weekend despite less than ideal conditions. On Saturday, Howie Rosen, Billy Nabile, and Mike Ribick worked the last part of the flood at buoy 42 for 21 big flatties in the 2 pound range. To east near buoy 52, the flatties were small in comparison but there were more of them. Dennis Hartman and Mike Zerbo totalled 92, also on Saturday. Larry reminded that chumming remains the key.

Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** reported some decent scores made off of the radio station despite the roiled condition of the bay. Some very big flatties are being taken at buoy 42 but tide is very important here. Last part of the flood has been the most productive.

Down at the other end of the bay, Dolores of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** said that Saturday was lost to the wind but on Sunday several boats managed between 20 and 30 nice fish apiece in the vicinity of buoy 27. Many of the fish were in the 1 pound range and a few went 2 pounds.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** bemoaned the slow weekend which he was quick to attribute to the weather. He did say that casters continue to pick away at a few flatties from the Blue Point Docks and there are still some white perch in Tuttles Creek. A few good catches of flounder were reported by boatmen working in the vicinity of the Smith Point Bridge during the week. Paul remindes that the shop is running a season long fishing contest. Stop in or call for more details.

Still good flounder fishing off of Heckscher and on the south side of the Bay towards Point 'O Woods when the weatherman gives boatmen a break, according to John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. Many of the fish are in the 1 pound class and chumming or stirring the bottom has been making a significant difference. Good white perch action in the Connetquot this week and lots of small trout in Bubbles and Rattles.

In **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** had no specifics to report but did know that boatmen continue to do a good job on the flatties when the weather cooperates. Strong winds have been the biggest culprit most of this past week, keeping the bay pretty well roiled. Irene named Islip, Heckscher and the south side of the Bay opposite Heckscher as good bets.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee,** has been working off of Bay Shore and Islip with varying results. Neil called Thursday's fishing excellent but described Saturday's activity as a real tough pick. Things picked up enough on Sunday for the skipper to label the action as pretty good. Most of the flatties are still good size fish with a number of them in the 1½ pound range. All baits have been effective and both tides have been productive.

The last half of the flood produced some fine scores of nice size flatties on the Bay Shore flats Saturday, according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Carl also reported some decent scores made in Dickerson Channel and down off Heckscher. He felt mussels have the edge in the bait department and added that chumming is important. Carl looked over a catch of 80-90 white perch, taken in the Connetquot on

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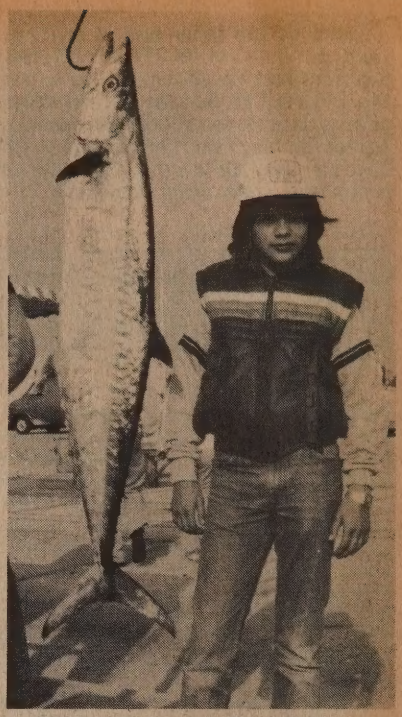

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Word from the **Captree Bait Station** indicated there has been some pretty good flounder acitivity off of the newly renovated Captree Overlook Pier. The past few days have also seen an upturn in the fishing on the Jones Beach Piers, reported Bob Sprenger. Bob put flounder of 2.3 and 1.13 pounds on the scale for Ms. Ronnie Giglio of Deer Park. She took the fish last week from the Overlook Pier.

The **Captree** open boat fleet continues to work a larkge expanse of the bay, a sure indication of a good spread of fish. Weather was again a hinderance this past week but, all things considered, most boats managed a decent catch of flatties when they were able to sail.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that fares averaged 6-12 good size flatties a man through the weekend with action a slow but steady pick. Gordon worked the Heckscher Park grounds as well as East Channel. Most of the fish were in the 1 pound range.

Aboard the **Capt. Richie**, Capt. Richie Westerlind was satisfied with the weekend results considering the conditions. He said that a number of fares finished up with catches int he mid-teens. Some did better. Pete Catti had 35 fish on Saturday for high hook honors while Kurt Weisflog had 28 flatties on a trip last week.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Capt. Leitch** tagged Saturday as a tough day but called Sunday's fishing o.k. with

fifteen fares finishing up with an actual count of 200 flatties. Some anglers had 15-20 fish catches. Most fish are still good size but Richie has noticed that they are beginning to see a better mix of fish. The skipper had the privelege of having his dad aboard on one of last week's trips. Seventy-five year old John Leitch proved he hasn't lost his touch as he finished up the day with 24 big flatties.

Capt. Ben Litwin of the open boat of the same name, described the week-end fishing as picky but did note that they found some very nice size fish, but not many of them, in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Sunday.

A call from Capt. BobPatafio of the **Captree** charter boat, **Yankee III**, provided a break from the onslaught of flounder reports. Bob sailed a special reservation-only cod trip on Sunday and found good fishing over some favorite south shore wrecks. Hi Hook for the day, a fellow named Ronnies, finished up with 15 cod including a pool winning 17 pounder. Similar trips are planned for this Friday and Saturday. See the **Yankee III** ad for details.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Ski Kochanski had little to report from the weekend but did know that through Thursday, they had been receiving reports of good flounder scores being made in a number of places. Ski mentioned Heckscher, Bayberry Point, the Babylon Cut and the State Channel as having produced well prior to the weekend.

Capt. Jack Stoddard of the **Babylon** open boat **Luci III** has been working between buoy 2, East Islip and Bay Shore with fair to good results. Thursday was his best day of the week but Saturday was O.K. too. Bob Rose managed 22 flatties to 2¼ pounds on Saturday to take high hook honors. Jack reminded that he will be sailing Good Friday but not Easter Sunday. The **Pooka V** will be making it's first trip on Wednesday, April 5.

Capt. Frank of the **Babylon** charter boat **Tilichi** found 18 flatties to 1¾ pounds for Steve Gleason on Sunday. He worked North Channel east of Heckscher.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported a catch of 32 flounder to 2 pounds for Robert Santiago and Frank Wolfe on Saturday. The pair used mussel and worm and chummed with clams near buoy 4, Heckschert o take their fish. Don Hirsch broke in a new custom rod, made for him by Mike, with 8 flounder to 1¾ pounds at buoy 2, East Islip also on Saturday. Mike knew that flatties are being taken to the west ground Squaw Island, West Island (Amityville), and Massapequa Cove. He also heard of a couple of good flattie scores by shore casters from the Lindenhurst Town Beach. Still a few white perch behind the Babylon Times Square Store.

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WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station in Seaford,** we learned that on Sunday some of the rentals had 15-18 fish per boat. These were mixed fish to 1½ lbs. on worm, mussel and clam chum on any moving water. Best areas were Massapequa Cove, just west of the drawbridge and buoy 14 in Great Island Channel.

Weather was the problem this week said Lon of **Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle** but some of his customers did go out and catch at Massapequa Cove, Ft. Neck Point and Four Corners for fish 3/4 to 1 lb. on worm, bait and mussel chum. Shore fishermen were able to pick away off Seaman's Park and Florence Beach. The fish are there said Lon and it's just a matter of the water settling down now.

Also from Seaford, **Pop's Fishing Station** tells of large, but not many flounder being caught from his rentals. A good number of boats got out Sunday and worked Four Corners and Massapequa Cove using worms and mussel chum. John said that the change of tide from ebb to flood was the best. A notable catch was 20 flounder for a father and son team. The station has live killies for any of you freshwater anglers.

Steve Petri calling from **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore** passed the word that the Oak Beach rock jetties have been yielding flounder to casters using clam and bloodworms.

Moving out to the **Freeport Fleet** we find out from Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** the results of Saturday's first special offshore cod and pollock trip during which Larry McCall of Dix Hills bagged up 10 cod including the 54 lb. pool winner. Harold Sheeler, Brentwood, was runner up with a 47 lb. cow, while George Fleigner, Rockville Centre, stuck a 42 lber. Frank Bodenski of

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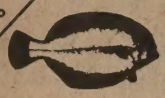

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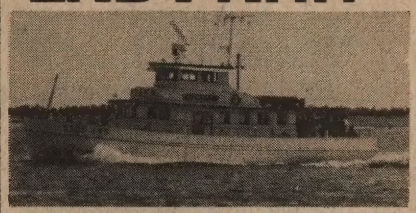

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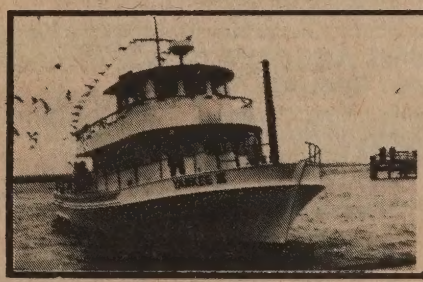

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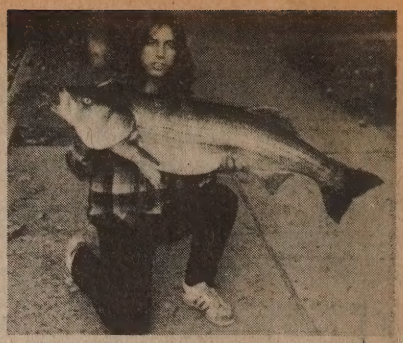

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Lindenhurst decked 11 cod to 35 lbs. Just a few pollock were taken up to 10 lbs. This was all on bait and the weather was not too bad. Please note that the boat is making three of these special offshore cod and pollock trips a week and the other four days of the week, Richie is sailing his regular schedule. See ad for details.

There were picky flounder catches Sunday, for the **Freeport Boatmens Association** charter boats and for the **Super Spray II**. Dockmaster Bob agrees that once the bottom settles down, catches should be excellent. He advised that the Association office is open and he is booking his 18 charter boats now mainly for flounder and mackerel.

Thursday was our best day said Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** with Friday and Saturday poor and Sunday fair. Saturday's pool was taken by Meo Karkosca of Williamsburg with a 1¾ lb. flattie. Sunday's pool winner with a 2 lber. was Rodney Chambers of Yonkers. Tony worked the inlet and the back areas with mussels working best on an ebb tide.

The open boat **Capt. Andy** found very good flounder fishing during the week which slacked off Friday through Sunday. Best results were in Reynolds Channel and some of the back creeks along with the inlet for fish averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. There were just a few throwbacks in the back waters. Outgoing produced best in the back and any moving water was fine in the inlet. Fares enjoyed a decent pick with catches of 16 to 18 flounder for those who worked at it.

Saturday's floundering was fair aboard the **Capt. Lou III** with all nice sized fish being taken on every drop. High hook was Walter Backus with 23 flounder including the pool fish of 2¼ lbs. Saturday aboard the **Capt. Lou IV** saw fair catches also with Neil Marquard of Hastings, NY hoisting 13 flounder including the 2½ lb. pool fish. Mike expects a very good year to break open once the bottom settles down.

Down in **Pt. Lookout**, the **Capt. Bill** found Monday through Wednesday a slow pick for flatties due to the winds, as was Saturday morning's trip. The afternoon trip was fair and on Sunday,

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:35	9:55	10:25	10:45	10:20	10:40	11:15	11:30	1:05	1:30	12:40	1:05	9:25	9:50	3/31
FRI.	10:15	10:40	11:10	11:30	11:10	11:25	–	12:00	1:45	2:20	1:25	1:50	10:15	10:35	4/1
SAT.	11:00	11:25	–	12:00	11:55	–	12:20	12:55	2:25	3:10	2:10	2:40	11:00	11:25	4/2
SUN.	11:50	–	12:20	12:50	12:15	12:45	1:10	1:50	3:10	4:10	3:00	3:35	11:50	–	4/3
MON.	12:10	12:40	1:10	1:50	1:05	1:35	2:05	2:50	4:10	5:10	3:50	4:30	12:20	12:50	4/4
TUES.	1:05	1:35	2:10	2:55	1:55	2:35	3:05	3:55	5:30	6:20	4:45	5:25	1:15	1:50	4/5
WED.	2:00	2:35	3:15	3:55	2:50	3:35	4:05	4:55	6:40	7:15	5:45	6:25	2:15	2:50	4/6
THURS.	3:05	3:40	4:15	4:50	3:55	4:35	5:05	5:45	7:40	8:10	6:40	7:15	3:15	3:45	4/7

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
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West Point	+3 16
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Beavertail Point	–0 02
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Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/31	5:45	6:24
FRI. 4/1	5:44	6:25
SAT. 4/2	5:42	6:26
SUN. 4/3	5:40	6:27
MON. 4/4	5:39	6:29
TUE. 4/5	5:37	6:30
WED. 4/6	5:36	6:31

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/31	9:40PM	7:30AM
FRI. 4/1	10:45PM	8:02AM
SAT. 4/2	11:47PM	8:37AM
SUN. 4/3	–	9:17AM
MON. 4/4	12:44AM	10:03AM
TUE. 4/5	1:36AM	10:53AM
WED. 4/6	2:22AM	11:48AM

Moon Phases

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4/13	4/20	4/27	4/5

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	6:50	12:40	7:20	1:05
Fri.	7:45	1:35	8:15	2:00
Sat.	8:35	2:25	9:05	2:50
Sun.	9:25	3:15	10:00	3:45
Mon.	10:25	4:15	10:55	4:40
Tues.	11:20	5:10	11:50	5:35
Wed.	–	5:55	12:10	6:20
Thurs.	12:30	6:40	12:50	7:00

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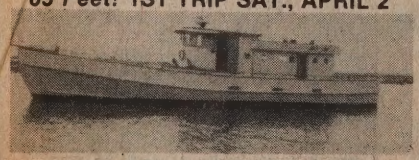
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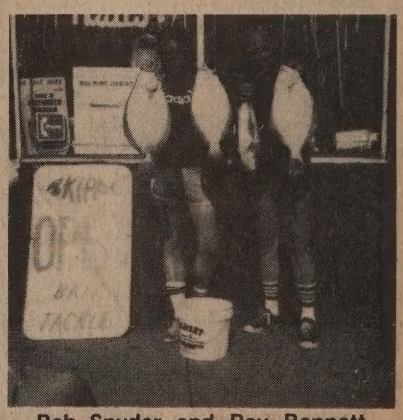
fares picked away at various spots. Fish ran 3/4 to 2½ lbs. working the inlet and the back with mussel and the soft part of the clam providing the best catches.

Charter boat **Marie III** picked away at flounder for a group on Saturday with mussel working best, followed by worm, then clam in Jones, Reynolds, and Garrett's Lead. High hook was 17 flatties with fish mixed to 1½ lbs. and the ebb tide working best. On Sunday's open cod trip, a fair catch was made at rock piles and wrecks due south of the inlet. High hook was six cod to 15 lbs.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout**, skipper Ron Murray said they had to fish around the weather, but some decent catches were had nonetheless. Thursday's afternoon trip saw Earl French high hook with 21 flounder and George Binder of Rockaway Beach pool winner with a 2½ lber. In Friday's wind and cold, Seaford angler Pete Caveretta took the pool with a 2 lb. 13 oz. flounder. Saturday, Paul Glazer of Woodmere took the pool money with a 1¾ lber. while Viv and Joe snagged the afternoon trip's pool. Sunday's catches were a little better fishing the back, Garrett's and Jones with Roy Barge landing a 2½ lb. pool fish in the morning and in the afternoon, Denise Danielson taking the bucks. The boat will be sailing a regular schedule Easter Sunday. Please note that on April 5, all tickets are sold for the Miss Point Lookout and the Capt. Bill for the 67th Precinct father and son outing.

We had 12 boats out Sunday and they had good floundering, advised '**Ed's Fishing Station.** Catches ran two to three dozen flounder a boat with the best areas being Reynolds channel, buoys 17/20 and off the golf course at buoys 16/16A. Mussel bait and chum was the ticket. Three hours on each side of the high worked best for mixed fish averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. Ed told us that a private boat brought in roughly 50 cod Sunday fishing rod and reel (four anglers) roughly five



Bob Snyder and Roy Bennett with a few of the 30 fluke to 5 lbs. they caught last summer on the Tin Can Grounds. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

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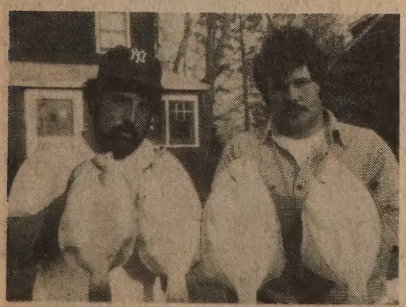

Tony Golfo and Bob Foster with flatties topping the three pound mark taken last season off of Mattituck. The pair fished aboard the charter boat "Nostalgia II."

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The word from Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook** is that the Jones Beach piers produced roughly 8 to 10 flounder a man this past week, fish running a half to 1¼ lbs. Also, that the eastern end of Reynolds produced better all around floundering than the western end.

In the **Atlantic Beach** area **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** talked about good flounder catches being made of the Magnolia Blvd. pier, fish to 2 lbs. on worm and mussels. Duck Point, along with buoy 5 in Reynolds also produced fish up to 1½ lbs. on both tides. Good codfishing in 110 feet of water at the Virginia Wreck, said Al.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Some decent flounder catches despite the moon tides, said Skippy at his tackle shop in East Rockaway. John Robissa, West Hempstead and George Katsoulas of Island Park on Saturday hoisted 38 flounder taken on mussels in Hog Channel. Forty more flounder on mussels was the reward for the trio of Paul Panasuk, Lynbrook and Dave and Don Langdon of Island Park Sunday, fishing Hog Channel and vicinity. Catches have been fair in general, said Skippy, fish running 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and getting thicker. Also good codfishing offshore if you can get to them.

To the West in **Sheepshead Bay** we learned that aboard the **Zephyr** Thurday saw good flounder averaging 22 fish a man, at Sandy Hook Bay. Charlie Schuster of Brooklyn took 40 flounder by himself up to 2 lbs. Saturday saw good catches with Dan Parrish bagging up 44 flatties. Catches Saturday averaged 10 to 20 a man working Annandale and Keyport

Captain Joe Ferrara stands alongside the 7 foot sailfish he landed while vacationing in Stuart, Florida.

and an honest 3 lber. was caught on Sunday.

Aboard the **Elsie K III** skipper Tom Palladino said customers had an excellent Thursday with Friday slower due to the wind. The weekend saw fair catches. High hooks ran 20-30 flounder each day and that with better weather there will be better catches made. Tom fished Staten Island, Keyport and Sandy Hook Bay and found mussels worked best on both tides. Pool fish ran 1¾ lbs. and fish averaged 1 to 1½ lbs. There were no throwbacks.

Across the Narrows in **Staten Island**, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** advised that the flounder fishing has been decent to good on sands and bloods at Great Kills Harbor, New Dorp, and Annandale.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Western reports show that flounder fishing is holding up well in sheltered bays, but few anglers have ventured outside. To the east, reports from the creeks are also easier to come by than readings from the open Peconics. Windy weather held most small boat fans in port, except for late Saturday and early Sunday.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri told us that most boaters in the New Rochelle area stayed away because of the rain predicted for Sunday. Saturday's action was pretty good with flounder available off the Klondike Dock and the Glen Island Casino. Catches of 12-15 fish per boat were the norm. **John's Gun & Tackle** plans to close on Easter Sunday.

Jack's Bait on City Island will be open on Easter in order to keep the open boats supplied with bait. Although Jack Rumpf has his boats in the water, windy weather has kept him from sending the craft out. There are flatties all around the Island with Robin's Neck, Hart's Island, and the Orchard Beach jetties the most popular spots.

Dave Watt plans to close the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** on Easter Sunday, but he's been tracking some pretty good action off Pryble Pier. Fish there are decent sized to 3/4 lbs. with a normally steady pick. Only a few small boats have tried the bulkheads to the west, and Davidson's to the east is worth a try too, as well as the end of Landing Avenue. Boats working Oyster Bay are still having

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The **Klondike VIII** was working mixed sizes of flounder up in Northport with lots of action in 10-25 feet of water. Pete Pearson said that catches of 20-40 per fare were the norm.

Joe Ferrara described this season's fishing on the **Ebb Tide III** from City Island as "the best flounder year we've ever seen." Ferrara, who likes to move a lot, nevertheless stayed in single locations off Huntington for three hours Sunday, and four hours Saturday. High hooks ranged up to 35 keepers, and Saturday's catch included a 2½ lb. fish. Sunday's pool by contrast was topped by a 1¼ lb. flattie. The **North Star** has been working Oyster Bay waters with good results, and the **Apache** filled us in on the details of the fishing there. Sunday was a little slower than Saturday, but fishing is a steady pick in 15-20 feet of water. The last drop on Sunday in deeper water may indicate that larger fish are now moving further out.

The **Lady Lil III** from Glen Cove also took part in Oyster Bay festivities over the weekend. Using worms and clams, the Fleischmans, Lou Serradino and Jarrett Cooper and friend all accounted for catches in the 35-40 fish range (per angler). There are a few large fish among the mixed sizes, and 60 percent of the flatties are keepers according to Joe Fink.

All the above named open boats plan to sail on Easter Sunday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The Cedars at **Huntington Prop** liked the fishing in Lloyd Harbor and around Brown's Dock and the Firehouse. The higher tides seem to be better off the docks, and mussel chum is a good idea. Prop & Tackle plans to close on Easter. **Ronnie** Ferraro saw some nice fish off the town dock in Huntington on Saturday. Duck and Lloyd Harbors were also cited for flatties to 3/4 lbs. Ronnie's will be open this Sunday.

Up in Northport, Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** was seeing catches to 16

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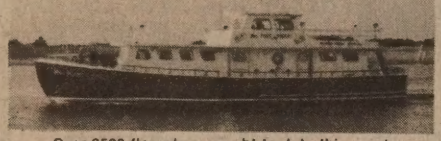

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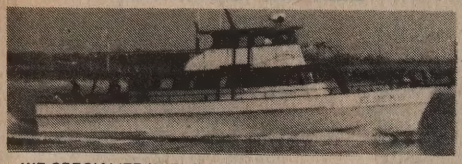

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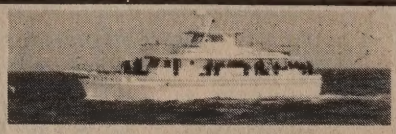

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NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in Aquebogue told us that action in local creeks was picking up a bit. Indian Island, Buoy 9 and Red Cedar Point in Great Peconic Bay were all producing on sandworms and mussels. Kopack advises us that there's no trouble getting mussels this spring. Warren's will be open a half day on Easter Sunday.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** faced a lonely weekend with strong north winds on Saturday and Sunday easterlies. Mussels and bloodworms are in good supply, and the New Suffolk Station will be open on Easter Sunday.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt** in Southold put two boats out on Saturday. One showed back at the station with a catch of nice fish from the west side of Conklin's. Private craft have been venturing all the way to East Marion with good results on the inside, off the Oyster Factory, and the Breakwater. On the other side of Shelter Island, South Ferry was best on the change of tide with Smith Cove producing a couple of dozen fish per boat. Incoming water brought the creeks to life. **Port of Egypt** will also be open for Easter.

Larry Ciccato called to say that the **Prime Time II** will be sailing on a daily schedule out of Orient by the Sea Marina, starting on April 16th. The new open boat will be working early flounder and switch to other bottom species as the season moves along. Half day fluking may be a possibility this summer.

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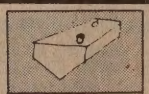
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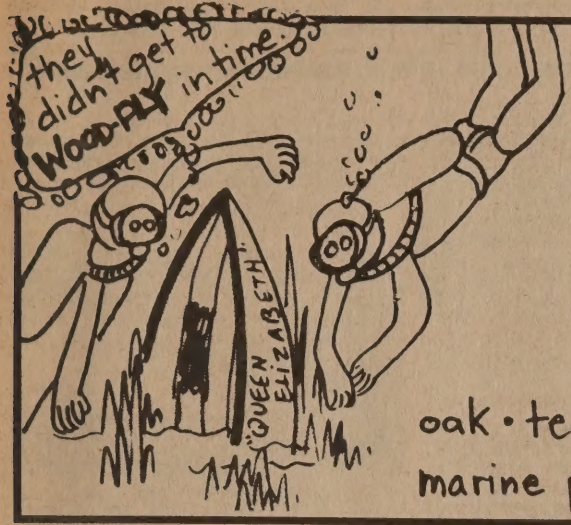

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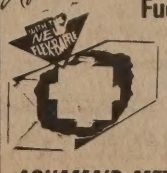

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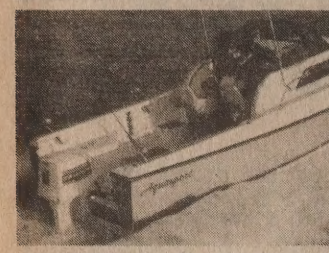

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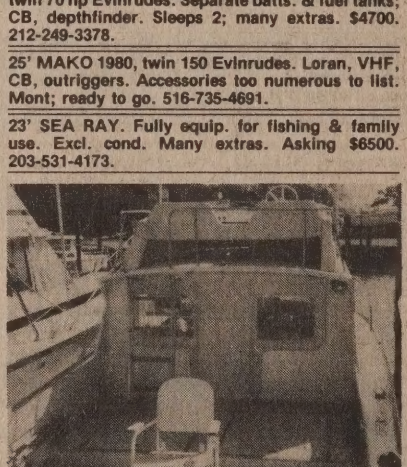

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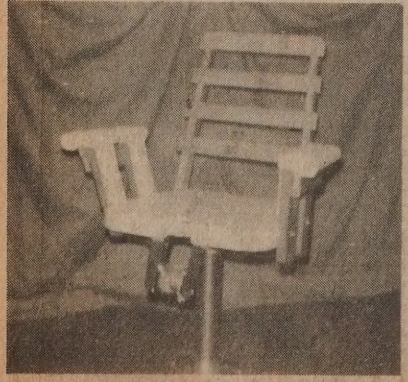

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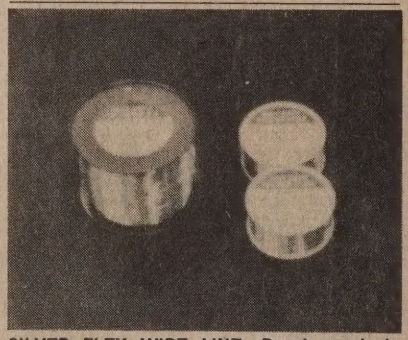

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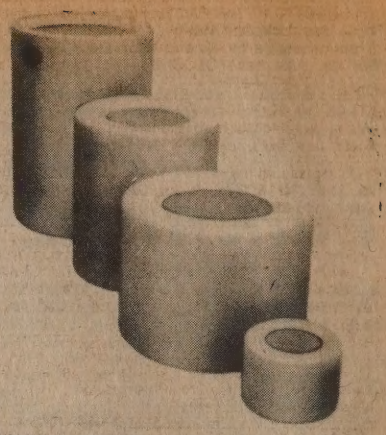

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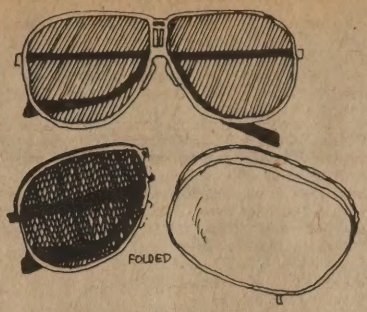

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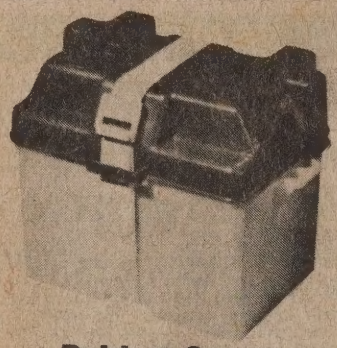

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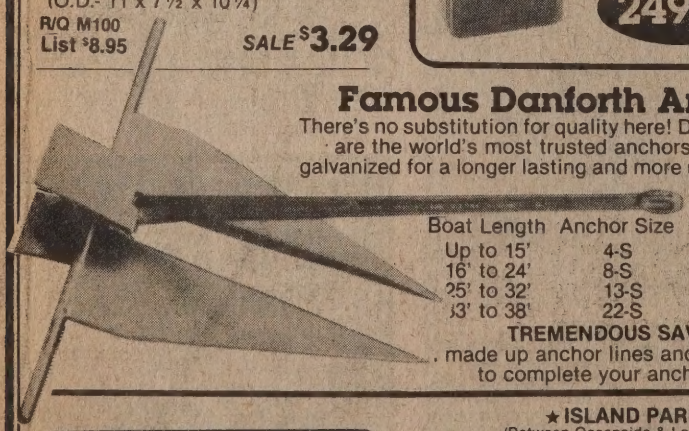

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